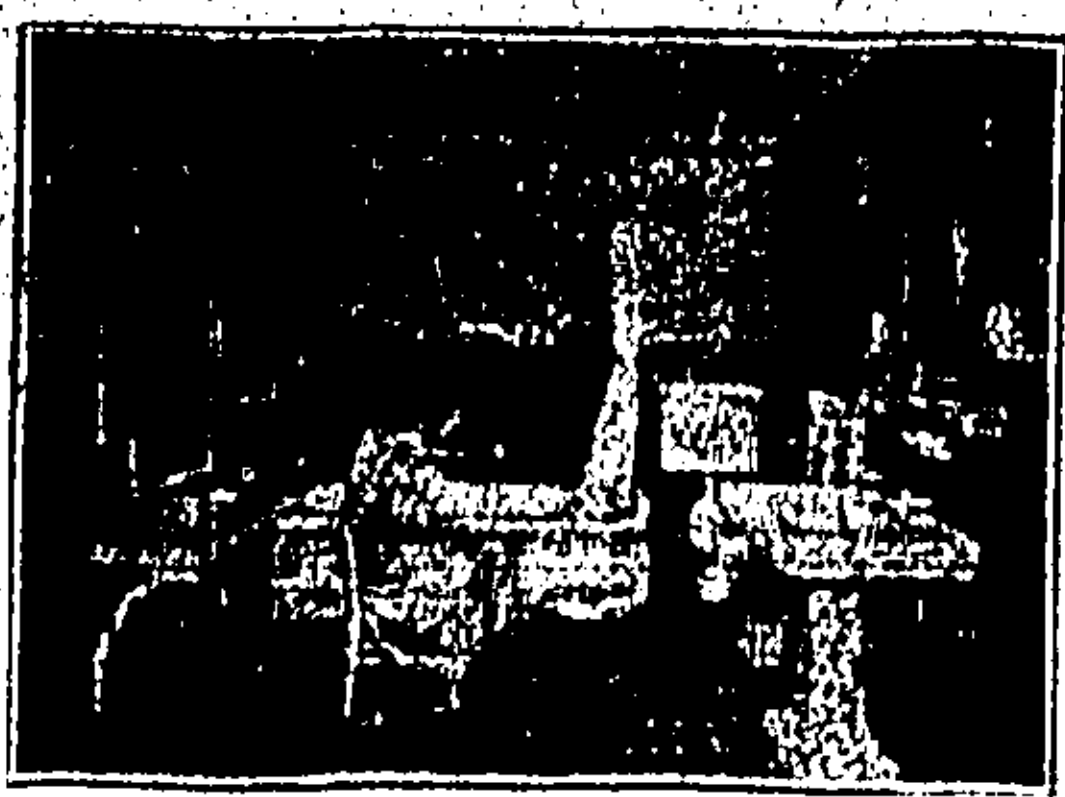


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SURVEY OF WHOLE OF CHINA.

PURPOSE OF MR. WU'S HONGKONG TRIP.

A WORLD QUEST.

That the Chinese Government proposes to carry out a geological survey of the entire country, with the object of ascertaining the mineral wealth, at the same time as a comprehensive geodetical survey, was disclosed to the *Telegraph* in official quarters this morning. Our enquiries followed the receipt of a telegram yesterday foreboding important developments as the result of a visit to Hongkong of Mr. Wu Shang-yin, the Director of the Preparatory Office of the Central Land Administration.

Those developments, we are now able to disclose, involve a gigantic task which the National Government is setting itself in preparing for the introduction and enforcement of new Land Laws.

The main purpose of Mr. Wu's visit to Hongkong and his interview with the local Land Office experts was to disclose to them the Chinese Government's scheme for a geological survey of the whole of China in order to get a uniform taxation, and with a view to the elimination of irregular taxes. The Government desires a scheme to operate on the same lines as the land taxes in England and similar to the Crown Land rents in Hongkong.

Hongkong Advice.

This, our representative was informed, necessitates the employment of surveyors of very high qualities, to undertake the supervision of the whole of the survey, which would be a gigantic task.

"Mr. Wu was sent to obtain the advice of the Hongkong Government as to suitable candidates for this position, but I am not at liberty to disclose the arrangements made," remarked a Government official.

We learned from our Shanghai correspondent yesterday, however, that Mr. Wu proposed to recommend the appointment of British experts from India, South Africa and Singapore.

New Land Laws.

"In connexion with the new Land Laws, it is proposed to introduce the registration of title deeds something on the lines of the Torrens system which now operates in Australia. One of the great attractions of this system is the simplified method of transferring land, and on this subject, Mr. Wu consulted the Hongkong Land Office with a view to ascertaining its method of registering title deeds. He appeared impressed by the Torrens system, which is undoubtedly a simple method of administration, and the matter is receiving most serious consideration.

"As a matter of fact, I understand that already such a system has been put into limited operation in Canton, though, of course, in an experimental way.

Simple Methods.

"One of the great virtues of the Torrens system is to be found in the simple documentary method of transfer. What the Chinese Government intends to do is to start at zero, everybody to give up their title deeds, and to receive a certified title to land. The assignment of such a title is merely a formal document.

"Whether such a system," said our informant, "would be very useful in dealing with poorly-educated country folk is a point for argument. Under the system suggested, the title document is simple, but it carries with it implied covenants, and it might be found that ill-educated people prefer to have the covenants set out fully in the deed itself."

A World Trip.

Mr. Wu, we were told, has made an extraordinary trip to the East.

Twelve Days to Australia.

Imperial Airways & New Service.

FIRST FLIGHTS.

London, Mar. 30. Arrangements have been completed between the Post Office, the Air Ministry and Imperial Airways for the immediate operation of two experimental return air-mail flights between England and Australia, via India and Singapore.

The first outward flight is due to leave Croydon on Saturday next, April 4, and is scheduled to cover the 11,194 miles between London and Port Darwin in fifteen days. At Port Darwin, on April 19, an Australian aeroplane will connect with the Imperial Airways liner, conveying the mails to Sydney and Melbourne.

The return flight from Port Darwin will start on April 27, and will arrive in London, according to present arrangements on May 14.

The second outward-bound mail plane will leave London on April 25, arriving in Australia on May 10, and setting out on the second return flight on May 17.

The aeroplane taking the Australian mail from London on April 4, will also take the weekly air mail for India and Central Africa. Now, under the new proposals by the Imperial Airways for a regular weekly air mail between India and Australia, to link up with the existing weekly passenger and mail service between India and England.

It is hoped to carry on an air mail service between London and Darwin which will occupy not more than eleven or twelve days. —*Reuter and British Wireless.*

TEST CASE OVER GREYHOUNDS.

CLUB TO DEFY COUNCIL TO FORCE CLOSURE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 31. The right of the Shanghai Municipal Council to close down greyhound race tracks is likely to be tested in the Courts in the near future.

Unless the Council in the meantime offers compensation, the Greyhound Racing Club proposes to race at Luna Park on Saturday night to force a closure and to commence legal action.

H.M.S. NELSON IN A COLLISION.

STEAMER HAS HER STEM BUCKLED.

London, Mar. 30. During a thick fog, a slight collision occurred yesterday, off Cape Velez, Spain, between the battleship Nelson, now on a voyage home, and the s.s. West Wales, of Cardiff.

The latter had her stem buckled, but was able to proceed to Llandudno. No-one was injured. —*British Wireless.*

NEW VICEROY OF INDIA.

LEAVING LONDON ON THURSDAY.

London, Mar. 30. The Earl of Willingdon, Viceroy and Governor-General-designate of India, with the Countess of Willingdon, will leave London for India on Thursday, accompanied by members of his staff.

The party will embark at Marseilles in the liner *Viceroy of India*, which is due in Bombay on April 10.

CHINA PROVIDENT COMPANY TURNS CORNER.

BIG OVERDRAFT NOW WIPE OUT.

CONSIDERABLE LIQUIDATION OF FROZEN LOANS.

DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

It was intimated by Mr. C. A. de Roza, presiding at the annual shareholders' meeting of the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., to-day, that the liquidation of frozen loans had been carried to such a stage that, in the opinion of the Board, the Company's affairs have at last turned the corner.

The proceeds from the new issue, together with the sum realised from liquidation of loans, have been applied to repayment of the Company's overdraft which a year ago stood at nine lakhs and which has now entirely disappeared.

The Chairman referred to the adverse effects of exchange and hence competition from free-lance concerns, but stated that the first three months of the new year have been encouraging. It was further announced that the Board is considering the development of some of its properties as Chinese dwellings.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts have been in your hands for the period required by the articles, and with your consent I propose to take them as read.

Your Board regret that the Company's main item of revenue, namely the operation of the godowns and shipping work connected therewith, shows a considerable falling off during 1930, due to causes I will mention later, but this reduction was met to a very large extent by economies in working, reduced interest charges, and also by revenue obtained from the foreclosed properties in Mongkok and Aberdeen taken over from the mortgagors.

The net result for the year, gentlemen, is a profit of \$54,827.16. Competition was unusually keen, due to the dearth of large cargoes, and new business proposed to us was contingent on a cut in rates which could not be accepted. This competition came from what might be described as the "free lance" concerns, but we managed, nevertheless, to retain the business of our supporters.

Exchange Effects.

Business conditions during the year under review were much below normal, and a drop in the revenue compared with 1929 had been anticipated by the Board. This expected reduction, which, as a matter of fact, was not as great as anticipated, may be attributed to the continued and unprecedented fall in exchange throughout the year, accompanied by the inevitable reduction in the purchasing power of the dollar which disorganised business at regular intervals, resulting in a decreased volume of importation of these commodities on which we rely so largely for the bulk of our business.

In both sugar and flour imports, though to a lesser extent in the case of the latter article, the factor which appears to have been the chief cause of the decrease has been the hand-to-mouth buying by both merchant and consumer, which has characterised the year's trading; as a result of this, the heavy deliveries to buyers made ex-ship, and even ex-lighter alongside our godowns, have deprived us of earnings in storage.

Tariff Uncertainty.

The uncertainty which prevailed as to the date of the application of the new Tariff on imports into China was responsible for the frequent exercise of options by consignees on cargoes originally intended for this Colony, resulting in shipments being carried on to the Northern ports; this was particularly noticeable towards the end of the year under review.

WATERLOO ROAD CRASH.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL.

BAD LIGHTING.

Questions in regard to public lighting in Kowloon, with a view to minimising the dangers of motor-car accidents, and in regard to the Colony's bathing facilities are to be asked at Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.

Mr. Braga will put the following questions on the first-named subject:—
1. Has the attention of Government been drawn to the newspaper report of a serious motor-car accident happening at Kowloon on the night of 23rd March at a point in Waterloo Road close to its junction with Nathan Road, where the road is described as "extremely narrow and not particularly well lighted at night?"
2. With a view to minimising the risk of similar accidents in future, will the Government consider the advisability of improving

BRITISH BUDGET POINTER.

TOBACCO TAX MAY BE INCREASED.

SNOWDEN TO INTRODUCE.

London, Mar. 30. A hint that the Chancellor of the Exchequer contemplates an increase in the Tobacco Tax is implied in a circular which has been issued by the Customs Office enforcing a restriction of clearance of tobacco from bond next month to one-twelfth of the quantity cleared during the same period last year.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald told a questioner that Mr. Philip Snowden would personally present the Budget on April 27th.—*Reuter.*

the public lighting of roadways within the residential areas in Kowloon?

Bathing Facilities.

A further question which Mr. Braga will ask is as follows:—"Will the Honourable the Colonial Secretary state whether any reduction is contemplated this summer in the facilities usually afforded to residents in Hongkong and at Kowloon in the matter of public bathing beaches?"

Second Readings.

At the same meeting, the Hon. Attorney General will move the second readings of a Bill to amend the law relating to Deportation and of a Bill to amend further the law relating to Larceny, whilst the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton will move the second reading of a Bill to provide for the incorporation of the Precincts in Hongkong of the Salesian Society.

LADY MOTORIST'S MISHAP.

CAR COLLIDES WITH A TRAMCAR.

Mrs. Schiffe of 8, Felix Villas, who was driving a Fiat car, No. 251, along Des Voeux Road Central this morning, had an unpleasant mishap.

At the time, Mrs. Schiffe was proceeding in an easterly direction and when near Messrs. Watson's store a ricksha moved across the road without warning, causing the motorist to swerve outwards, and to collide with a tramcar which was following closely. The force of the impact carried the Fiat some few yards along the road roadside on to the front of the tram.

Although the car was damaged, the lady fortunately escaped injury, and the ricksha driver was taken to hospital.

£13,000,000 CLAIM ON SOVIET.

LENA GOLDFIELDS DECISION.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR NEGOTIATING.

VALIDITY OF AWARD.

London, Mar. 30. The failure of the Soviet Government to pay to Lena Goldfields, Limited, the sum of £13,000,000 awarded by a Court of Arbitration last year, was raised in the House of Commons again to-day, at question-time.

Mr. Henderson stated that the British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir Edmund Overly, was at present engaged in negotiations with the Soviet Government on behalf of the company.

"While these negotiations are proceeding, I do not consider that any further statement will serve the interests of the Company,"—*Reuter.*

Soviet Note.

A further Note from the Soviet Government was received at the Foreign Office on February 25, explaining their views as to the original award and the procedure to be followed in dealing with the case.

Throughout the Soviet have declined to admit the validity of the award. They were not represented at the Arbitration, withdrawing at the last moment on the plea that having cancelled the concession agreement, the Court automatically ceased to exist.

Arbitrator's Finding.

The remaining arbitrators, Professor Stutzer, the independent chairman, and Sir Leslie Scott, the representative of Lena Goldfields, Limited, held that the agreement between the Company and the Soviet Government contained a clause providing for arbitration and that though their abstention was regrettable, they were bound by the clause.

Having decided that the jurisdiction of the Court was not impaired, full investigation of the case was undertaken, and in their finding the Arbitrators came to the conclusion that the Soviet had been guilty of a series of breaches of the agreement, including failure to transfer the properties referred to in the concession, prevention from selling Lena products in Soviet markets, failure to provide transport facilities, and withholding permission for the transfer of funds from Russia to other countries.

Decision and Comment.

The Court directed the Soviet Government to pay the Lena Company £13,000,000, half the cost of the proceedings, and announced that the agreement had been dissolved.

The decision was followed by a typical *Pravda* comment as follows:—

"The Lena Company have just as much chance of obtaining the money as they have of raising it on a used tram-ticket. Two grown-ups (Dr. Otto Stutzer and Sir Leslie Scott) have played a childish game, but the trained pigs of the Moscow circus have played it better."

It was recently announced that the Soviet Government had themselves started work in the Lena goldfields, in Siberia, along the lines pursued by the British concessionaires.

INDIA CONGRESS ASSENTS.

APPROVAL OF THE IRWIN-GANDHI AGREEMENT.

Karachi, Mar. 30. The All-India Congress reached the apex of its proceedings, at a plenary session to-day, when after a three-hour debate a resolution was passed confirming the agreement between Lord Irwin and Gandhi, reaffirming that the goal of the Congress is independence, demanding complete control of the army, foreign affairs, and finance, and appointing Gandhi as the head of the Congress delegation to the future

Adventurous Airman.

Shanghai Man To Carry On.

NEW CONVERT.

London, Mar. 30. It is learned from *Reuter's* correspondent at Athens that Mr. Ford's plane, which crashed in a snowstorm yesterday, was not so badly damaged as was first supposed. Repairs are already in hand, and the airman hopes to resume his flight to Shanghai within a few days.

In a way it is a rather adventurous journey that Mr. Ford, who is a resident of Shanghai, has undertaken. It is a purely private flight, undertaken with no financial backing except his own, and it has no special features, except that before making his decision, Mr. Ford expressed the opinion that he might just as well return to his work in Shanghai by air as by sea.

He took off from Lympne on March 23, and had made good progress until the mishap in Greece, the airman taking his time about the journey, visiting places of interest in Central Europe.

New to the Air.

His programme from now on involves a flight to Constantinople, then to Persia, and India, before embarking on the trip across Malaya, and on to the coast of China to Shanghai.

Mr. Ford took up flying for the first time while home on leave, and he had only spent between 50 and 60 hours in the air before setting out on his adventure on a second-hand Gipsy Moth, equipped with a Gipsy I engine, which he hoped to sell to the Chinese Government on his arrival in Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

ADVERTISING ON A LAUNCH.

PROHIBITION BY THE LAW.

An unusual case was brought before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hulse, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning when Chan Hui, the owner of the steam launch *Fook Lee*, was summoned for advertising the Peacock Brand Milk by means of "certain lettering or devices" on his steam launch.

Defendant admitted the charge. His Worship said that as it was the first case of that nature before him, he would let the defendant off lightly, and imposed a fine of \$5.

FRENCH FLIERS DUE THIS EVENING.

ON RETURN FLIGHT TO PARIS.

We are informed that the French fliers, Burtin and Moench, who are now on their return flight from Tokyo to Paris, are due to arrive at the Kai Tak Aerodrome between 5 and 5.30 p.m. to-day.

They took off from Tokyo last Tuesday morning and have touched at Osaka, Seoul, Peking and Mukden.

GAZETTE DU FRANC EDITOR.

DIES TWO DAYS AFTER ACQUITTAL.

Two days after his acquittal on charges of fraud and abuse of confidence, M. Pierre Audibert, formerly editor of *Madame Hanau's Gazette du Franc*, died last night, of heart-failure.—*Reuter.*

SINO-AMERICAN VISA ARRANGEMENT.

PLAN FOR REDUCTION IN THE COST.

Washington, Mar. 30. Reciprocal arrangements between the United States and China are under discussion, providing for the reduction of visa costs.

TARIFF UNION CAUSES WIRES TO HUM.

EMPHATIC BRITISH ATTITUDE.

MR. HENDERSON TELLS FULL STORY.

GERMAN STAND.

London, Mar. 30. That the line taken by great Britain regarding the proposed Austro-German economic union offered the only proper solution of an episode which had caused regrettable perturbation in Europe, was emphasised by Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, replying to several questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Henderson, embarking upon a survey of the course of events and the action taken and contemplated by the British Government, said the methods and the time chosen by the Austrian and German Governments for conveying information to the other interested Governments had rightly provoked widespread comment.

Raised Suspicion.

He would content himself with saying that the method was calculated to raise suspicion and nullify the advantages of a frank exchange of ideas offered by the now frequent meetings at Geneva and elsewhere between the representatives of various Governments.

Mr. Henderson said his initial reception of the various statements and memoranda on the subject, which reached him as he was about to leave for Paris, was one of reserve. It was apparent to him that hurried decisions were not compatible with the nature of the case, but that points of law were involved which demanded expert advice and mature deliberation.

Paris Reaction.

In Paris, he found French opinion in a state of very natural perturbation. After careful consideration, he reached the conclusion that the matter was eminently one coming within the competence of the League of Nations. Accordingly he decided to inform the German and Austrian Governments that they should be under no misapprehension as to the serious misgivings aroused by their action in many countries, and in France in particular.

Though there might be two opinions as to the exact conformity of the proposed treaty with the existing obligations of Austria, and indeed of Germany, the widespread state of feeling caused him great concern and he felt that if nothing were done to calm the apprehensions, the task of those who were anxious that the disarmament Conference should meet under the most favourable conditions, would be seriously compromised by unilateral action or interpretation of any treaty obligations.

Emphatic Representations.

He caused these considerations to be submitted to the German and the Austrian Chancellors with all the emphasis which the circumstances, in his opinion, demanded, and he appealed to them that before they proceeded further, an opportunity should be given to the League Council, under whose auspices the Protocol of 1922 was negotiated to assure itself that the proposed treaty was not contrary to the obligations undertaken by Austria in that instrument.

He informed Mr. Briand at once of the action he had taken and Mr. Briand assured him that the procedure he contemplated would fully meet the views of the French Government.

Austria's Reply.

On the following day, March 26th, he received the reply of the Austrian Government, which was to the effect that they were of opinion that the proposed agreement was quite in conformity with the Geneva Protocol of 1922. They did not object to the fact that the League Council had been asked to consider the proposed treaty, but they considered that the Government of Austria was not bound by the obligations undertaken by Austria in that instrument.

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ANNUAL PARADE OF POLICE.

GOVERNOR CONGRATULATES LOCAL FORCE.

Over 250 officers and men of the Hongkong Police Force mustered within the compound of the Central Police Station yesterday afternoon for the annual inspection by His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel.

Those on parade were 60 Europeans, 60 Indians, 60 Cantonese, 60 Northerners, 24 Indian Anti-Piracy Guards, and 17 Russian Guards—the last-named being the latest unit to be added to the Force. The Force was under the command of the Inspector-General of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.), other high police officials on parade being Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence), Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., Mr. D. Burlingham (Divisional Superintendent), Mr. W. Scott, Mr. Nawab Khan and Mr. Mohinder Singh (Assistant Superintendents), and Chief Inspector P. Grant.

Force Congratulated.

His Excellency was accorded the general salute on arrival, accompanied by Captain T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C. After the inspection, the Force was drawn up on three sides of a hollow square, before His Excellency the Governor, who, after distributing medals and certificates, addressed the men as follows:

Officers and men of the Hongkong Police Force,—It has given me great pleasure to make this inspection this afternoon, and I congratulate you on the smartness and efficiency of the turnout. I also congratulate all those to whom I have just distributed medals and certificates and who have been recommended to me for special commendation. I trust their success will be an incentive to other members of the Corps to achieve a like success.

Good Record.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Corps for the very excellent work which they have done during the past year. I have been specially impressed with the work of the Criminal Investigation Department. That Department has a very difficult task to perform. No doubt, the work is very interesting, but it is often fraught with danger, and I think it holds a wonderfully good record. At the same time, good work in the other branches is essential to the success of the whole machine, and it is very desirable that each man in his own branch and place should do his best. No doubt, work like that of the Traffic Department may seem at times somewhat monotonous and mechanical, but there is no doubt that it is just as essential for the welfare and safety of the Citizens of the Colony. I rather hesitate to mention the efforts of the other branches, except to repeat what I have said, that it is necessary for all of you to do your own part and so continue to make this Corps a success. I must say, as Head of the Government I appreciate very much the good work done by you all during the past year, and I feel confident that you will all put your heart into maintaining that high standard which you have already reached.

Emergency Unit's Work.

There followed a demonstration of the work of the Emergency Unit which was of great interest to visitors. It showed this unit being rushed in police wagons to the scene of a supposed riot, and the manner of their breaking up a street riot and taking control of the situation. In other duties of a more routine nature, the Unit was shown performing a search of suspects in the street while taking precautions against sudden criminal gun-play such as were suggested by recent local cases. All the evolutions were performed with a precision which greatly impressed, and reflected credit on their training and the efforts of the drill officer, Sergeant Hunt.

Following is a list of the recipients of medals and certificates:

3rd. Class Medal.
P.S.C. 345 Shek Tui, for zealous and diligent work in the C.I.D.

4th Class Medal.

Insp. C. F. Alexander, for exceptionally good work while in charge of the Traffic Department during the past five years.

Insp. J. Murphy, for an excellent record of work during 18 years' service and for exceptional ability and zeal during 1930 when he was attached to the S.C.A.

L.S.C. 608 Lo Ki, for excellent work in the C.I.D.

P.S.C. 32 Cheng Pak, for long and faithful service.

P.S.C. 135 Chui Yung, for long and faithful service.

P.S.C. 266 Kwong Po, for long and faithful service.

Class II, Eng. 9 Kwok Tsun, for long and faithful service.

Class II, Eng. 57 So Shing-shun, for long and faithful service.

Commendation.

Insp. A. N. Reynolds, Commanded by H.E. the Governor—for his excellent handling of Police Investigations in connection with a case of attempted arson which occurred at No. 77 Wing Lok Street on 19.10.30, and which subsequently resulted in the conviction and sentence of two defendants in the Supreme Court on Jan. 8, 1931, to three years' hard labour and two years' hard labour respectively.

A.S.I. B. Thorpe, Commanded by H.E. the Governor—for excellent and painstaking work while in charge of the Hawkers' Sub-Department.

L.S.C. 558 Chan Pui, Commanded by H.E. the Governor—for zealous work as a Detective Officer in Yau-mat District during the past two years.

P.C.C. 595 Lau Tang, Commanded by H.E. the Governor—for his alertness and vigilance on duty on the occasion of a case of attempted arson which occurred at No. 77 Wing Lok Street, on Oct. 19, 1930, in which he effected the arrest of a man which subsequently led to the conviction and sentence of two others in the Supreme Court on Jan. 8, 1931, to three years' hard labour and two years' hard labour respectively.

2nd. Class D.W. Medal.

Detective District Watchman 119 Yuen Mun-chuen, for good work during 1930. He joined the District Watchmen Force in 1926 and was awarded a 3rd. Class Medal in 1929. On Apr. 16, 1930 he was commended by Mr. Lindsell, Police Magistrate, for the smart arrest of a pick-pocket.

3rd. Class D.W. Medals.

Det. D.W. 106 Fok On, for good work during the year 1930, while engaged in confidential enquiries, at the S.C.A.

D. W. 43 Wan Ming, for the arrest of a robber at Tung Sau Lane on Apr. 25, 1930. The District Watchman saw the robber running away from the scene of the crime, chased and arrested him. The robber tried to deceive the district watchman by stating that he (the robber) was chasing two men who were running ahead of him. At the June Criminal Sessions prisoner was sentenced to three years' hard labour.

Belilus Medals.

L.S.B. 107 Lal Singh, awarded the Belilus Medal, Bronze and the reward of \$5 for jumping off Blake Pier and saving the life of Chan Fu who had attempted to commit suicide.

To Kam-wing, Stoker on board the Shamshui ferry launch Man Tat, awarded the Bronze Medal and \$5 for rescuing from drowning two girls who attempted to commit suicide, by jumping overboard from the launch Man Tat on March 2.

Life Saving Certificate and Medallion.

L.S.A. 197 Hunter, L.S.A. 69 Simpson, L.S.A. 10 Coleman and L.S.A. 19 Hill.

Award of Merit.

L.S.A. 23 Brand and L.S.A. 154 Hui.

The Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, was pre-

YESTERDAY'S LAND SALE AT P.W.D.

FIVE LOTS OF CROWN LANDS DISPOSED.

Five lots of Crown Land were disposed of at the public land sale, held at the P.W.D. yesterday afternoon, when New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1477, situated at the junction of Fuk Wing and Wong Chuk Streets, covering an area of 13,824 square feet, with an upset price of \$27,648, was sold to Messrs. Wong Wal-shan and Yau Bing-kwong at \$38,200.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1478, at the junction of Tai Po Road and Kwelin Street, covering an area of 8,028 square feet, with an upset price of \$17,256, was sold to Mr. Ip Duen for \$23,200.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1479, adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot 1408, in Tai Po, consisting of about 10,400 sq. ft. with an upset price of \$20,800, was sold to Messrs. Lai Tai-sam and Tanc Huan, at \$10,400.

Inland Lot No. 3150, in Yik Yam Street, Wong Nei Chung, consisting of about 2,200 square feet, with an upset price of \$11,000, was knocked down to Mr. Lo Kang-yu, at \$12,000.

Drink bidding marked all the sales.

HEAVY OPIUM FINE IMPOSED.

CHINESE ORDERED TO PAY
\$47,000 OR ONE YEAR.

On being convicted of a charge of possession of 396 taels of prepared opium, a Chinese, who appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, was fined \$47,000 with the alternative of one year's hard labour.

The defendant was represented by Mr. F.C.E. Rendall.

The evidence for the prosecution showed that the defendant was arrested in Connaught Road in the act of engaging two coolies to carry a barrel which was subsequently found to contain opium.

The defendant denied ownership of the barrel which, he claimed, was given to him to carry, he being a cargo coolie.

His Worship, after hearing the evidence, rejected the defendant's story and registered a conviction.

sent, other spectators being Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (the Public Prosecutor), the Hon. Mr. S. W. Tao, and the following members of the District Watchmen's Committee: Messrs. Li Yau-tsun, Li Pe-kwai, Tang Yat-chuen, Lo Cheung-shu and Li Yik-mui.

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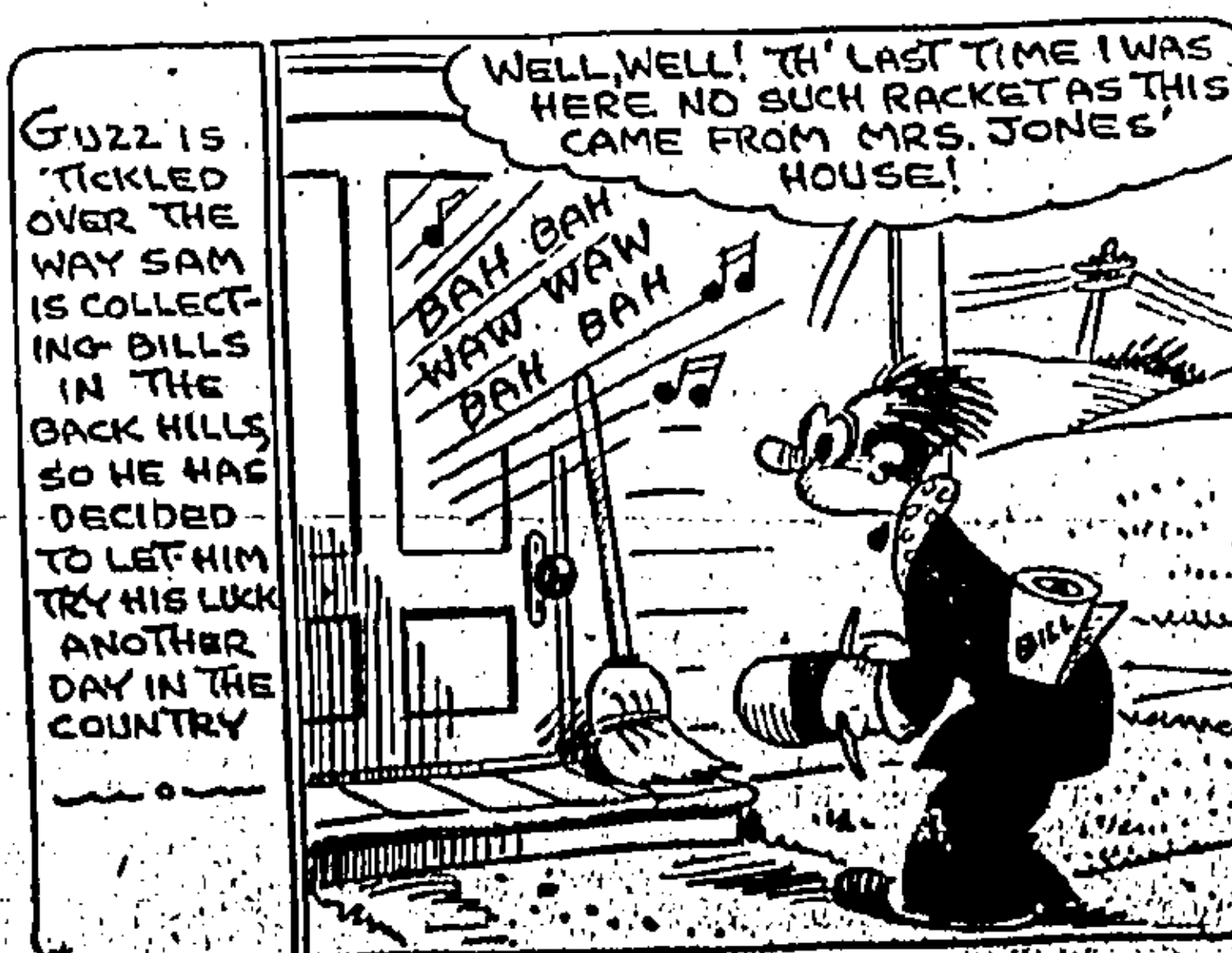
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Mr. Duncan Renaldo, the well-known film star, who is now in gaol in Los Angeles, awaiting deportation to Rumania. He was charged with obtaining illegal entry into America.



Willard Weiss (right) and Barney Smith both on the floor after the former had been carried over by the force of his punch to Smith's jaw.



Amelia Earhart, the first women aviator to fly the Atlantic, is shown above with her publisher bridegroom, Mr. George Palmer Putnam.



Our picture shows the historic scene at St. James's Palace when Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Premier, and the Chairman of the Indian Round Table Conference, read the Government's declaration of policy, changing the whole complexion of affairs. The Conference lasted for nine weeks and even the opposition have praised its results.



The above picture was taken on the occasion of the dinner given by the Shanghai Volunteer Corps recently in honour of their retiring commanding officer, Brig. Gen. H. B. Orpen Palmer, who left Shanghai a few days later.



The Beth Israel Hospital at New York have adopted precautionary measures against the mixing-up of infants. Each new-born baby has its initials stencilled upon the body by ultra-violet ray.



Charlie Chaplin, snapped in London recently, who has been invested as a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.



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HONGKONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be available on APRIL 8th, 1931, by shareholders in person or in writing at the Registered Offices of the Company, 178, Connaught Road, West.

By Order of the Board.

D. L. KING,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1931.

INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL BANK LIMITED.

(IN LIQUIDATION).

A first dividend is intended to be declared in the matter of the Industrial and Commercial Bank Ltd. (in Liquidation).

Creditors who have not proved their debt by the 31st day of July, 1931, will be excluded from this dividend.

Proofs should be sent to the undersigned at 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, on or before the 31st day of July, 1931.

Dated the 31st March, 1931.

J. HENNESSEY SETHI,

S. HAMPDEN ROSS,

Joint Liquidators.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances of Hongkong.)

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building, (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and the Report of the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 8th day of April, 1931, until Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

C. F. V. RIBEIRO,

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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1931.

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The Second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 4th April, and on Monday, 6th April, 1931, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The first bell will be rung at 12 o'clock noon.

There will be an interval for Tiffin after the 2nd Race on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5. per day for Gentlemen and \$3. per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all debts, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2. per day including tax, for all persons including Ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffin will be served in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure during the tiffin interval.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1931.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In Accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 3rd, 4th and 6th April. (Easter Holidays). Hongkong, 27th March, 1931.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on Tuesday, the 31st March, 1931, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd March to 31st March, 1931, both dates inclusive.

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G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Boundary Measurements	Area	Approx. Value
Lot No. 2450	North of Kowloon Island, Lot No. 1653, Ea Yuen Street.	As per sale plan.	About 12,410 sq. ft. \$38
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Owing to congestion in the Members' Enclosure, the Free Passes to Ladies will be restricted to One per Member as from the commencement of the Club's financial year, 1st April, 1931.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Boundary Measurements	Area	Approx. Value
Lot No. 1447	New Kowloon Island, Lot No. 1447, Shik Kip, Mt. Chai Street, between L. Chai Street and L. Chai Street.	As per sale plan.	About 12,457 sq. ft. \$39
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NOTICE.

On and after 1st April next, the Hongkong Dispensary Drug Store, and the Wine Department, will observe the following hours of business.

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THE CIVIL SERVICE CRITICISED.

"AUTOCRATIC CONTROL."

Criticism of the administrative machinery of the Civil Service are the outstanding feature of the report of the committee set up by the British Science Guild in 1927 to inquire into the functions of the scientific and professional staffs in the public services and industry from the point of view of efficient administration and national development.

The committee state that they are of opinion that serious inefficiency arises in the Civil Service in connexion with matters of a technical character.

The opinion is expressed that a defect exists in the staff organisation because of the practice of excluding officers of the expert class from the important administrative posts responsible for the direction of the work, such posts being almost invariably filled by promotion from the administrative and clerical staffs.

The need for a simplification and grading of the professional scientific and technical staffs is urged, and it is declared that "drastic reforms are needed in many of the civil departments of the Government."

An extension of the collegial type of organisation is recommended generally in place of the existing bureaucratic system in which "something differing very little from autocratic control is exercised."

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RUBBER PROBLEM.

DUTCH COMMITTEE REGRETS PUBLICITY.

Amsterdam, Mar. 30.

Four out of five members of the Dutch Rubber Committee have issued a statement pointing out that while the Committee was empowered to do everything it could in the interests of producers this did not imply that the Committee had a full power-of-attorney, and that the final decision rests with the producers themselves.

The statement says that it was in the interests of the market and producers that premature and unfounded reports of the negotiations should not appear in the press, and the majority of the Committee regret the action as inopportune, because those in the rubber industry were being misled.

All rumours regarding the Committee's activities are premature. The statement concludes by pointing out that the Committee is continuing its activities, in co-operation with the foreign parties interested, with unabated zeal.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded via Siberia if so super-scribed.

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Plain Chinese	15
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From	Per	Date
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	April 1.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B. C. 14th March).	Emps. of Asia	April 1.
Amoy	Santhia	April 2.
Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru	April 3.
Europe via Negapatam, (letters and papers, London 6th March)	Hakusan Maru	April 3.
Manila	Pres. Taft	April 4.
Java	Tjibodina	April 4.
Australia and Manila	Neillore	April 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 6th March).	Pres. Polk	April 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 18th March).	Pres. McKinley	April 6.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kongso	Tues., Mar. 31, 4 p.m.
Hollow and Pakhoi	Tehokam	Tues., Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Cremor	Tues., Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	St. Albans	Wed., Apr. 1.
	Parcels	Wed., Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Wed., Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Wed., Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
		(Due Brisbane 18th April.)

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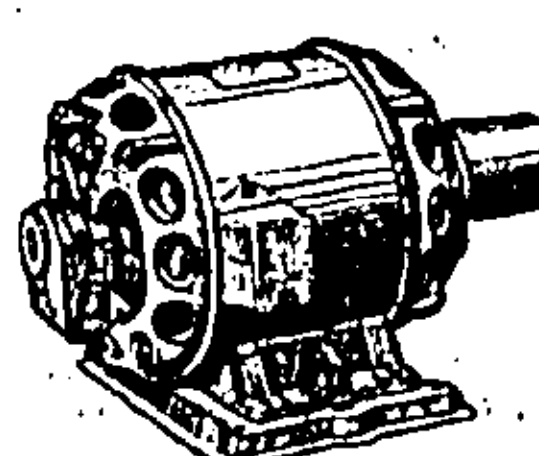
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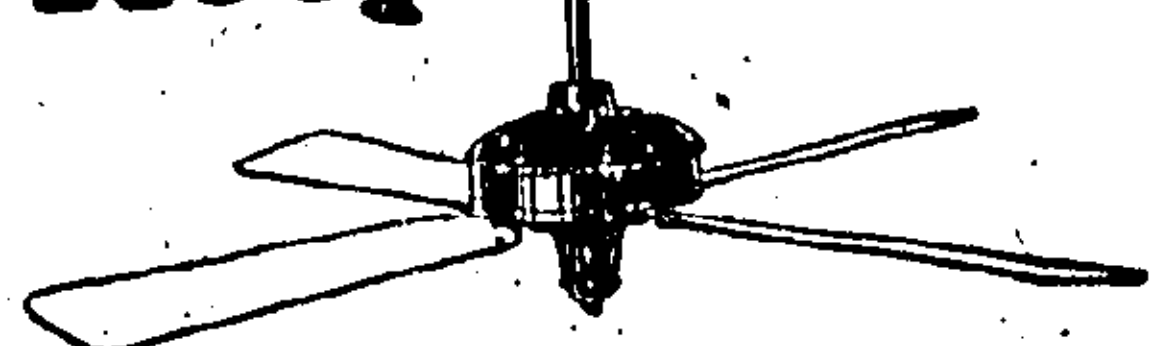


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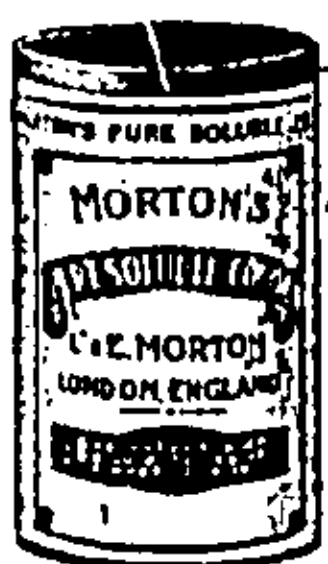
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MACAO WEEK BY WEEK.

NEW GOVERNOR EXPECTED SHORTLY.

Macao, Mar. 29.

The impending arrival of His Excellency Commander Mata Oliveira, Governor of Macao, is looked forward to by the people of the Colony. His previous experiences of affairs at Macao will be of invaluable aid to him in his new office, and he has the best wishes of the residents of Macao that his term of administration may be a prosperous and brilliant one. Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa, his predecessor in office, left the Colony with a splendid record of work and service done in the interests of Portugal, and it is to be hoped that Commander Oliveira will be no less successful in the office that he has taken up.

Cinema-goers here have been given the opportunity of attending a talkies performance, with the installation of equipment in the Victoria Cinematograph, which has been adapted for the purpose, as a make-shift until the new Carlton Theatre is built.

In the Capitol Theatre, which is expected to open its doors in a week or two, cinema patrons will be afforded an even better opportunity, for the new theatre has been specially constructed for the institution of sound pictures, and the building is particularly well provided with all the latest conveniences for a modern cinema theatre.

Among recent visitors to Macao was Vice-Admiral Herr, Commander-in-Chief of the French Naval Squadron in the Far East, who made a visit to Macao in the French gunboat Argus on Friday, March 20, to pay an official call on H. E. Dr. J. Magalhães, Officer Administering the Government. He received with the usual honours and left for Hongkong again on the same day.

A few days ago, two Japanese fishing trawlers from the Gulf of Tonkin paid a visit to Macao with a full cargo of fresh fish for sale in Macao. The catch was sold readily and the trawlers left on the following day for further fishing.

The story of Mr. Brophy's ill-fated attempt to reach the Philippines from Macao, on the last hop of his flight from Shanghai to Manila, is one that has shot a pang of sorrow into the hearts of all those who knew this quiet, unassuming young airman. All hopes of his recovery seem to have gone, but his gallant endeavour to reach his destination, after weeks of disappointment and ill luck, will go down in the annals of the Colony as a pioneering effort that will usher in permanent service by air between Macao and elsewhere in the Far East mainly as a result of the work that he began. No stone was left unturned at Macao to trace Mr. Brophy after it became apparent that he had failed to get to Manila, and in addition to messages from the wireless station at Macao, Commander Cabral, with Lt. Abreu, as his observer, made several flights over the course taken by the gallant airman, and scoured the countryside for many miles to the south of Macao, in the not impossible event of his having turned back and been driven out of his course and being forced to make a landing at some isolated spot down the coast. All efforts seemed to be vain, however, and at last very reluctantly the search was given up.

Hector Rogers, an apprentice at the Kowloon Dock, was charged before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, with having ridden a bicycle along Nathan Road yesterday, without a bell. The defendant failed to appear in Court and his bail of \$5 was estreated.

CINEMA NOTES.

DAINTY DANCES IN "GOLD DIGGERS."

Ann Pennington, Broadway's dancing darling, says that she has been dancing all her life.

Her diminutive stepper who makes her talking picture debut in a featured part in "Gold Diggers of Broadway," Warner Bros. and Vitaphone 100% natural colour singing, talking, dancing picture in technicolor, which is now at the Queen's Theatre, has been on the professional stage ever since she was twelve years old. Several years before that she was an ardent student of her chosen art.

Born in Camden, New Jersey, on December 23, Ann received most of her education at the Cooper School, there and later completed her schooling under private tutors.

Her first engagement was as one of the Sherry Trio a group of three little girls, dancing in vaudeville in Philadelphia. Her unusual talent, which quickly fell in step with the modern tempo, soon brought Ann to prominence and stardom in musical comedy. Her stage revues include Ziegfeld "Follies," several George White's "Scandals," "Jack and Jill" and others.

When Ann was the star of the 1919 "Scandals," Nancy Welford was her understudy. This same situation occurs in the story of "Gold Diggers of Broadway," in which their roles are identical with that of their first meeting in real life.

Motion pictures soon attracted the attention of Miss Pennington and she starred in "The Little Boy Scout," "Antics of Ann," "The Rainbow Princess," "Lucky Horse-Shoes," "Madame Behave" and "The Golden Strain."

Miss Pennington's role in "Gold Diggers of Broadway," which Roy Del Ruth directed, is that of a stage dancing star of this "show within a show." Her exuberant dancing, one of the outstanding features of the film, Miss Pennington is four feet eleven and one-half inches tall, weighs one hundred and six pounds and has dark brown eyes and long brown hair.

"Say It With Songs," Al Johnson's new picture, "Say It With Songs," Warner Bros. latest all-talking, all-singing Vitaphone special coming to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday, is the story of a man who, by a trick of fate, loses loved ones, liberty and opportunity, suffers imprisonment and finds peace through his devotion to a child, and the child is played by Davey Lee.

"Say It With Songs" is an all-talking Vitaphone picture, and Mr. Johnson sings a number of exceptional new songs and several unforgettable old ones.

The story concerns Joe Lane, a happy-go-lucky and improvident but gifted song plugger, who, just on the verge of success as a recording and broadcasting artist, fights and accidentally kills his employer when he learns of the latter's unbecoming attentions to his wife. For this Joe goes to prison, leaving his wife to shift for herself and their child.

Believing that she has never been happy and realizing how his present punishment will punish her, Joe forces her to divorce him and she later considers marriage with a former admirer, now a famous surgeon. The child is put into a school and being unhappy there, goes to his father, who has come to visit him, and is injured by a car. Only a specialist can help the child and Joe takes him to his former wife's suitor for help. All ends happily and a blaze of Johnson's songs, and everybody leaves the theatre in a glow of satisfaction. Others in the cast are Marian Nixon, Holmes, Herbert, Kenneth Thompson and Fred Kohler.

The story is by Darryl Francis Zanuck and Harvey Gates. The "talking" scenario is by Joseph Jackson and David Brown, directed by Joseph Kane. Johnson's songs include "Little Pal," "Why Can't You," "Used to You," "I'm Seventh Heaven," "I'm Karazy For You," "One Sweet Kiss," and "Back in Your Own Back Yard."

"All's Baiton."

The advent of the talkies has robbed the cinema of the cinema of the comedy film. It has even robbed the slapstick type of comedy cannot be suitably wedded to dialogue, and, as a result, talkies have confined themselves with very few exceptions to stage spectacles and strongly dramatic subjects.

But the Great Public likes to laugh, and that is only one reason why "All's Baiton," which comes to the Central Theatre to-day should cause a furore. It will be remembered that this entertaining story, which W. A. Darlington wrote, was first pictured as a silent film, in which Leslie Henson starred, and later as a stage play which ran for a whole year in London. Tubby Edlin was the star of

LOCAL RADIO.

VIOLIN RECITAL FROM THE STUDIO.

To-day's radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 366 metres:

6.00-8.00 p.m. European Programme of H. M. V. and Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Moutrie and Co.

6.00-6.32 p.m. Orchestral. La Vida Breve (De Falla).

L'Amour Sorcier (Love the Magician) (De Falla).

Symphony Orchestra. D1453.

Nell Gwyn Dances (German).

New Symphony Orchestra. B2087.

Molly On The Shore (Gralinger).

Shepherd's Hey (Gralinger).

Royal Opera Orchestra Covent Garden. B2341.

Count of Luxembourg (Lohar).

Merry Widow (Lohar).

International Concert Orchestra. C1392.

5.32-6.05 p.m.

Gottterdammerung (end of Act 3).

Played by the Berlin State Opera Orchestra and the London Symphony Orchestra. Nos. 9406, 9467, 9408, and 9469.

These records complete the suite which was kindly loaned by a listener.

6.05-6.55 p.m. Concert Items.

Plano Solo-Gavotte in F Major (Beethoven-Baur).

Harold Baur. 6502.

Song-Daughter Of The Regiment (Donizetti).

Lucia di Lammermoor-Silence O'er All (Donizetti).

Tuti Dal Monte (Soprano). 6613.

Song-The Floral Dance (Moss).

Song-The Lute Player (Allisen).

Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone). C1315.

Instrumental Trio-Mirage (Cones).

Instrumental Trio-I Zingari (Leoncavallo).

De Groot (Violin) David, Bor (Piano) Calve (Cello). B3028.

Song-Robin And (Kempel).

Song-The Last Rose Of Summer (Moore).

Francis Alda (Soprano). 1188.

Song-Absent (McCall).

Song-I Hear A Thrush At Eve (Cassman).

Organ Solo-For Ever (Ager). B2560.

Organ Solo-In The Heart Of The Sunset (Nicholls).

Reginald Foort. B3044.

7.00 p.m. Stock quotations.

5.55-7.00 p.m.

Concerto In A Minor (Grieg).

Arthur De Greef and The Royal Albert Hall Orch. Conducted by Sir Landon Ronald. 9151, 9152, 9153 and 9154.

7.30-8.00 p.m. From The Studio.

Violin Recital of selected pieces by Michael Wexler the famous Russian Violinist, accompanied by Mr. Harry Ore.

8.00-11.30 p.m. Ko Shing Theatre Relay.

9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

11.30 p.m. Close Down.

As from Wednesday, April 1, the Weather Report and Local Time will be announced at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. instead of 1.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. as at present.

Starting from April the European evening programme on Tuesday and Thursday will commence at 6 p.m. instead of 5 p.m.

The stage production and his services were requisitioned for the talkie. A galaxy of star players fill the other roles, including Alf Goulden, Nora Swinburne, Polly Ward, Peter Haddon, Hummerston Wright, Cyril McLaughlin and Annie Esmond. Nervo and Knox give a diverting burlesque act, and Anton Dolin and Anna Ludmilla, England's premier dancers, perform to the "Scheherazade" ballet.

The King's Theatre.

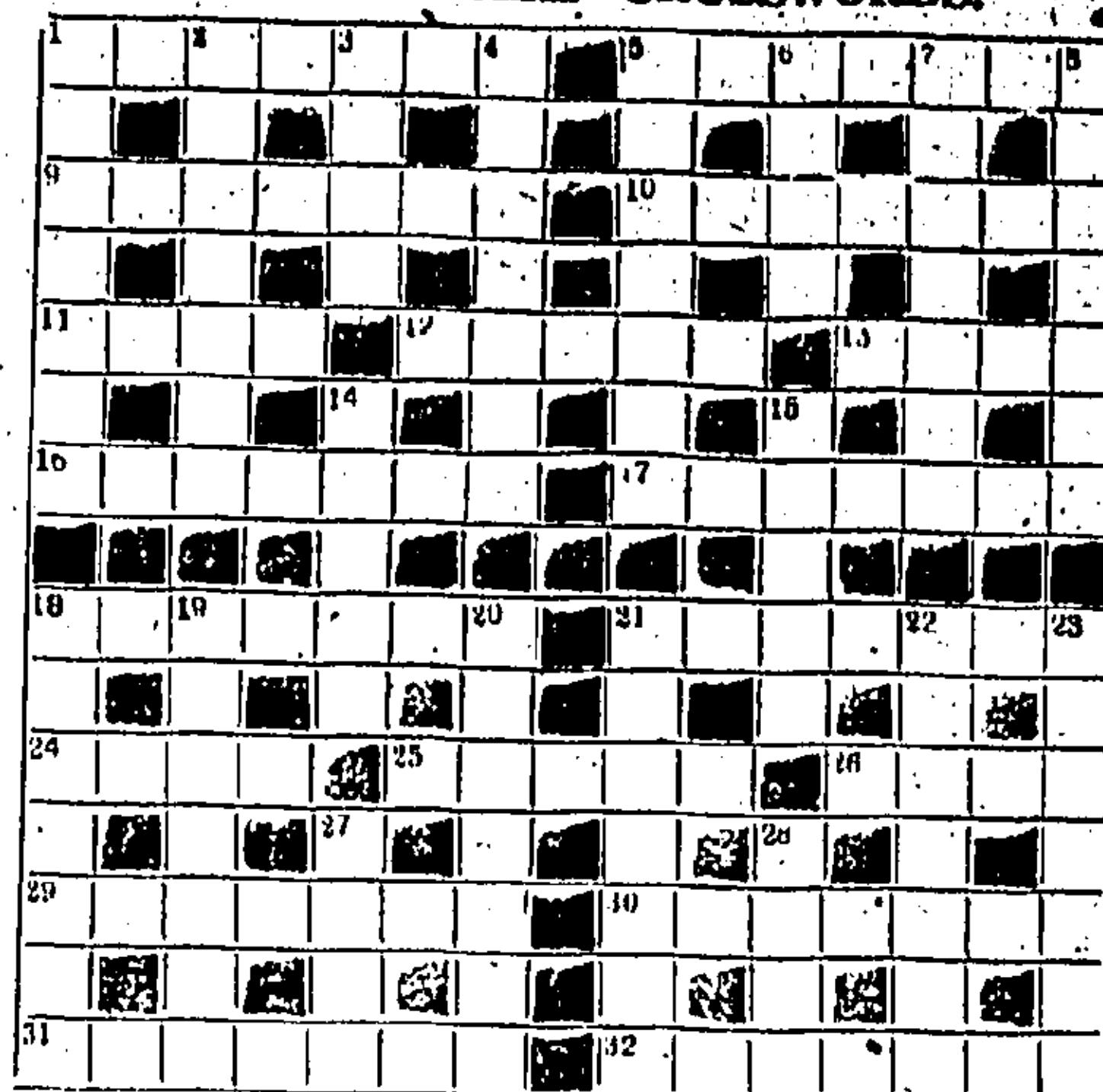
Outstanding feature of the new King's Theatre is the remarkably mellow and distinct tone given by the talking picture apparatus. A private screening of "Monte Carlo" was given this morning. Both talking singing and music is reproduced perfectly by the new equipment, the volume of sound is well regulated, and the ear is able to catch every word.

Circle seats of the new theatre satisfy every comfort. With spring plush seats and backs, they provide ample leg-room, and every seat gives practically a straight view of the screen.

The projection screen itself is bigger than ordinary, and can be given a blue tint.

"Monte Carlo" is a first class musical romance, something after the style of "The Love Parade." Its humour is refreshing and rather subtle, the singing excellent, and the story most entertaining. Jack Buchanan does not lose his magnetic personality on the screen and Jeanette MacDonald has quite a lot to do. Most of the humour is provided by Zazu Pitts and Claude Allister, who springs a surprise with a very pleasing singing voice.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.

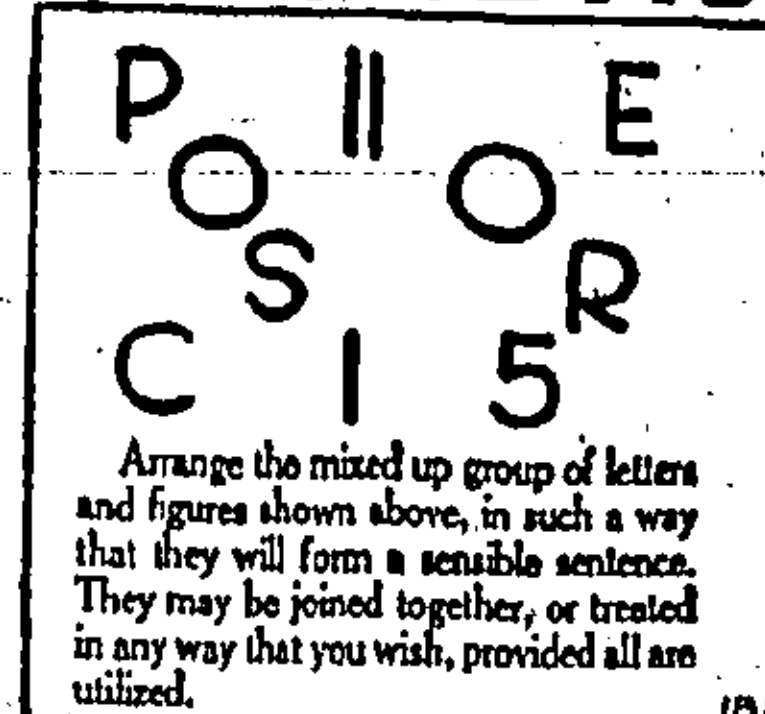


- Across
- Ophelia's brother.
 - One would this a cricket pitch to say it was this than a billiard table.
 - One who bestows the glad eye. The writer makes use of his heart.
 - London was, largely, after the Great Fire.
 - This warning takes place in a moment.
 - What is it that a girl does in an office, and a fitter in a machine shop?
 - Immediately.
 - Floor covering much used in India.
 - This is worked by the foot—so it is "related" (anag.).
 - Here I have apples round me, though not in an orchard.
 - Doubtless it is its heart that causes this little dog to stray now and again.
 - Join together.
 - Here you must put your back into it and wind up with spirit.
 - All the world does this continuously.
 - Fitting this might, perhaps, be collar-work, but hard pulling is certainly not essential.
 - Perch.
 - For this large numbers of their people is a part of Soviet policy.
 - A draughtsman of sorts who works in a liquid medium, but though he draws he does not paint.
- Down
- This little creature frequently takes a turn on the sands, but when he takes his hook—well, that's the end of him.
 - Plain.
 - Either a Yorkshireman or a Cockney take.
 - You will frequently find 32 across doing this.

Yesterday's Solution

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STICKERS



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WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW ABOUT MEN.

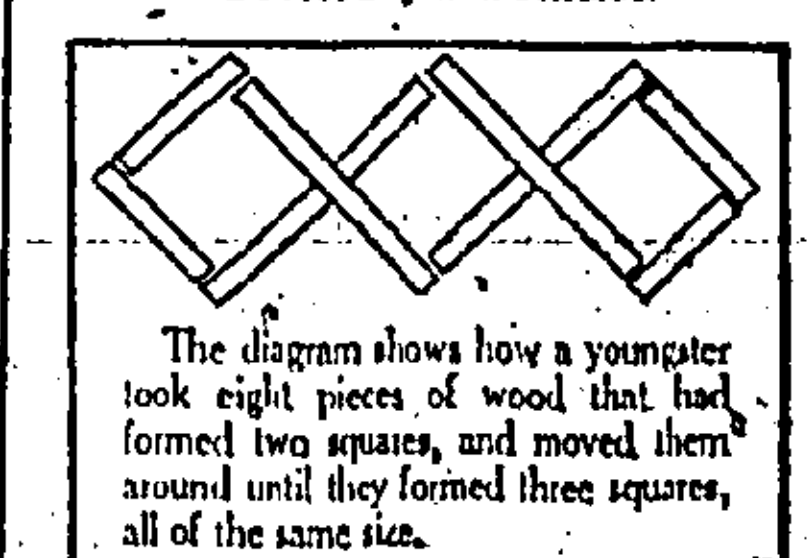
"ALWAYS WORTH HAVING."

The kind of person suitable for the Civil Service is a man or woman who has a considerable knowledge of human beings, and is accustomed to mix with them on an easy footing.

This view was expressed by Sir Stanley Leathes, a former Civil Service Commissioner, at the sitting of the Royal Commission on the Civil Service. He told the Commission something of his experiences in interviewing candidates.

It often happened, he said, that good scholars or good technical ex-

Yesterday's Solution



perts were not very effective when before the Interview Board.

"I would always," he added, "have a woman on the board, even though a woman is not being judged. A woman's point of view of man is always worth having." (Laughter.)

Standard Set by Men.

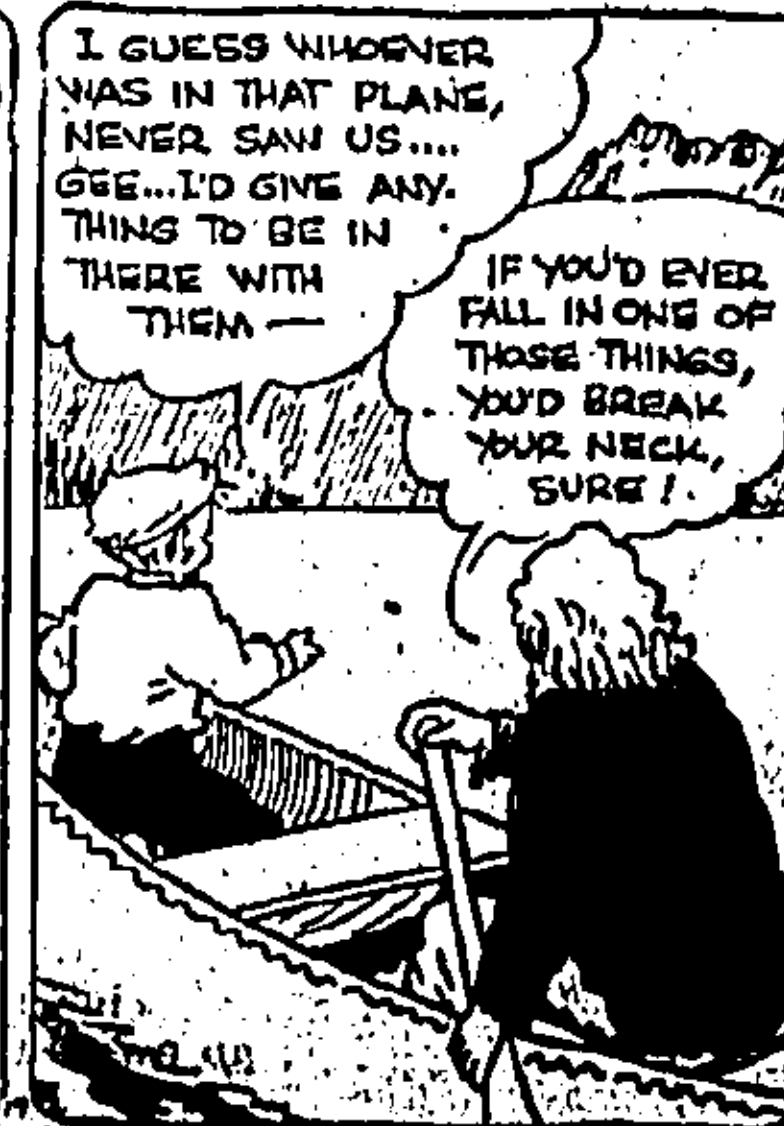
The Duchess of Atholl: Is it possible to indicate how a woman shows up in the interviews, as compared with men?

Sir Stanley: We find it comparatively easy to put men and women in an order of merit separately, but I have never yet been able to decide what kind of woman is equal to what kind of man. (Laughter.)

Mr. Bromley: Which sex has to attain the altitude of the other?—I imagine the man has set the standard. I do not, however, think women are at any disadvantage. They are not terribly shy, neither are they as a sex unduly arrogant. (Laughter.)

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

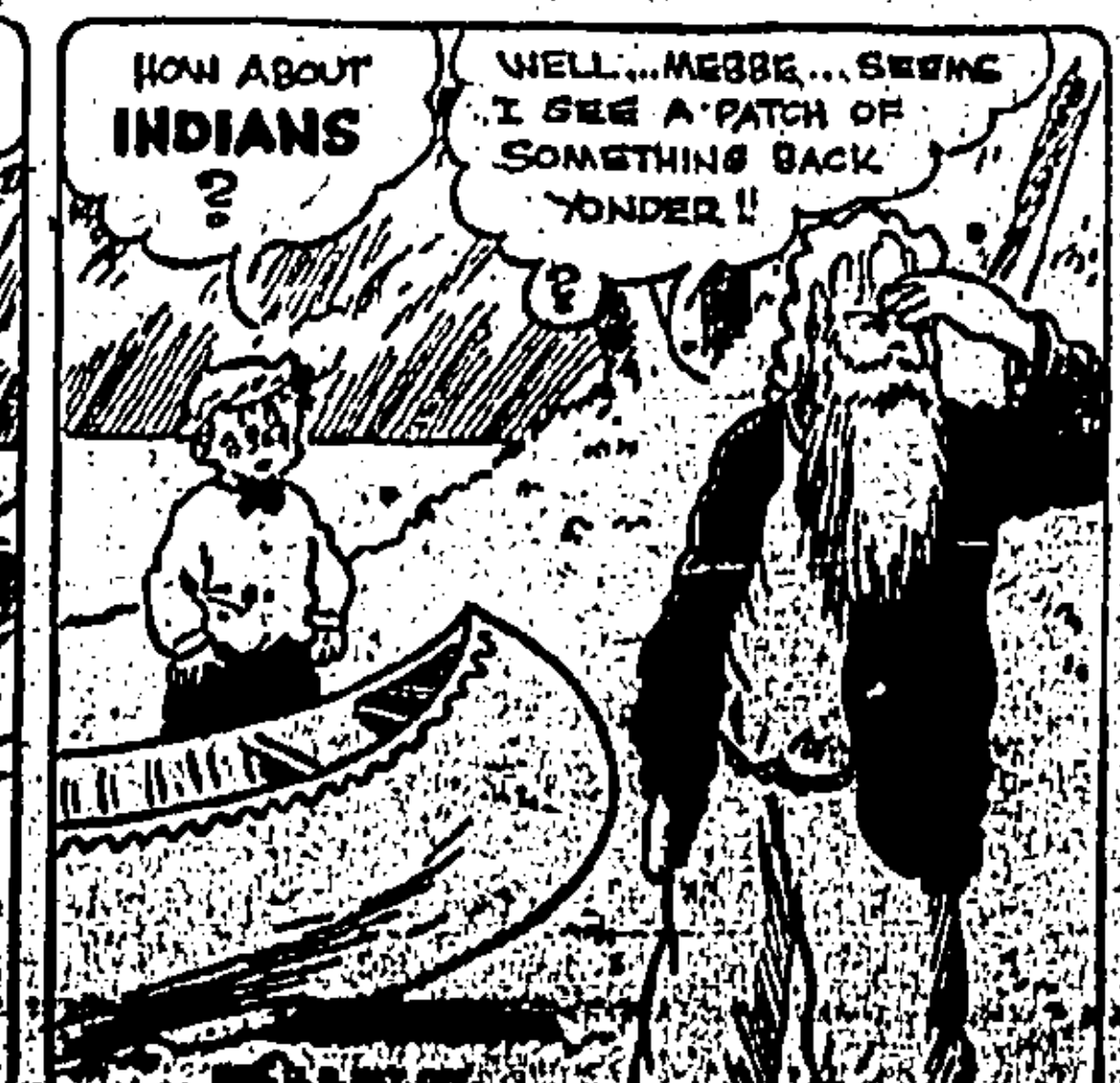
FRECKLES AND THE OLD HERMIT WATCH THE AIR. ANE VANISH OVER THE BACK RANGES. THE LAKE THEY ARE ON, DEEP IN THE VALLEY OF VANISHED MEN, HOLDS THEM PRISONERS BY ITS STEEP UNSURMOUNTABLE MOUNTAIN SIDES



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ROYAL VISITORS
IN HONGKONG.KING & QUEEN OF SIAM
ARRIVE.

GOING TO AMERICA.

The motorship *Selandia*, with their Majesties the King and Queen of Siam on board, travelling incognito, arrived in harbour this morning. Their Majesties are en route to America where the King is to undergo an operation for the removal of cataract from one of his eyes.

On arrival this morning, they were met by the Consul for Siam, Mr. J. T. Bagram, and later His Excellency Sir William Peel, accompanied by Capt. T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., went on board the *Selandia*. The party left the ship and their Majesties spent a portion of the morning in shopping, being later entertained at Government House. They leave by the Empress of Japan to-morrow.

Their Majesties will be the official guests of the Emperor and Empress of Japan at a state banquet to be held at Tokyo.

Arriving in Vancouver on April 17, the Royal party will immediately start across country by train to Washington, where the King and Queen will be introduced to President Hoover. Thereafter they are scheduled to go to Baltimore, where specialists will examine the King's eye, and finally travel to the Long Island estate of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, where the operation probably will be performed and where the King will recuperate.

Under the present schedule the King and Queen are to spend about five months in the United States, starting back for Siam on or about September 12, probably aboard the liner *Empress of Canada*.

Accompanying the King and Queen will be their Royal Highness Prince and Princess Svasiti, father and mother of the Queen. Prince Svasiti is also uncle of the King.

The Royal suite includes the King's physician, His Serene Highness Prince Thavarnamongkol, vonse Jayant and his wife, Mom Luang Ying Klong Jayant; His Majesty's private secretary, His Serene Highness Prince Vipulavasthongsavasthula; General Chao Phya Bhiyendun, Yodhin, chief A.D.C. General to the King; Phra Noraraj Chammong, Mom (Mrs.) Rajawong Smak Sman, Luang Sakdi Nai-wen, Naing (Miss Sakdi Nai-wen and Luang Sri Sombatti. In America the Royal party will be joined by His Serene Highness Captain Prince Prasoberi Chirapravatti. His Majesty's aide-de-camp.

LOSS OF GOVERNMENT
STATIONERY.ONE MAN DISCHARGED IN
COURT TO-DAY.

The hearing was resumed before Mr. Williams, at the Central Police Court this morning, of the case in which an office attendant of the Crown Lands Office of the Public Works Department is charged with theft of a quantity of Government stationery. Two stationers, one of Yaumati and the other of Hollywood Road, were also before his Worship on charges of receiving stolen property.

Mr. Horace Lo was for the Yaumati stationer and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks for the defendant from Hollywood Road.

After evidence of raids carried out at both stationers' shops had been given by police officers, his Worship discharged the third defendant, against whom there was only the evidence of some paper being found on his premises at Hollywood Road.

Mr. Lo's client went into the witness box and stated that he had bought the stationery from the first defendant in all good faith, having paid a reasonable price for the paper, which he was told had been purchased in an auction.

The hearing was again adjourned.

CRUELTY TO PIGS.

ANOTHER MASTER FINED FOR
STOWAGE ERROR.

Capt. C. E. Le Chevalier, master of the French steamer *Sonir Bo*, appeared before the Hon. Commr. C. A. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning to answer a summons against him for arriving in the Colony with pigs in crates, which were not stowed in accordance with the Livestock Import and Export Ordinance.

Mr. A. G. Cooke, of the Harbour Department, prosecuted. On pleading guilty, Capt. Le Chevalier was fined the maximum penalty, i.e., \$100.

CHINA PROVIDENT CO.
TURNS CORNER.

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Your was made to effect imports into China on the basis of the old tariff.

Conditions in the flour trade were not better, for in the majority of cases merchants imported sparingly merely for the purpose of maintaining particular brands and makes in the market whilst awaiting an improvement in trade generally. As a consequence, the quantities handled during the year were considerably less than those for 1929.

In general cargo, imports were maintained at the level of the figures for 1929 and in certain specialized lines an increase has been recorded. Arrangements have been made for the storage of bonded cargoes in accordance with Government requirements and it is possible that further bonded storage space will have to be provided for during the current year to meet the demand which has increased largely of late.

Excessive Taxes.

Expenditure has been kept down to a minimum, but in regard to rates and taxes, which form a most important percentage of our working costs, your Board is of the opinion that the assessment now levied upon us is excessively high, and might be equitably reduced, having in mind the services which some of our godowns do not enjoy to the same measure as other buildings charged at the same rate, in particular as to water.

Turning to the balance sheet, gentlemen, your Board is happy to place before you a statement which records a greatly improved position as regards its commitments. Liquidation of frozen loans have been carried to such a stage that your Board is of the opinion that the Company's affairs have at last turned the corner.

Under loans, after eliminating the transfer of \$190,719.82 to Property Account, representing the properties at Aberdeen and Mongkok, both of which are revenue-earning, the total liquidated is nearly \$210,000, and of the balance outstanding under this head at 31st December, 1930, viz. \$254,522.74 (compared with \$672,862.16 in 1929), a further sum of \$65,000 has been realised since the date of the balance sheet.

Overdraft Wiped Out.

Investments in the sum of \$123,670 are represented entirely by our holding in the Sandakan Light & Power Co., Ltd., in reference to which a note has been inserted in the balance sheet giving the market valuation at \$206,712. How far this valuation may be realised when applied to the large block we hold is a matter for conjecture on which the Board is naturally reluctant to express an opinion. The increase in Property Account has already been explained, but it remains for me to add that the Company's godown properties have been efficiently maintained entirely out of revenue.

In July last year, the Board sought and obtained the authority of the shareholders for an increase in the Company's authorised capital by the creation of 300,000 new shares of \$5 each of which 294,789 shares of \$2.50 paid up were offered and taken up by shareholders and the underwriters of the issue. The proceeds of this issue, together with the sum realised from the liquidation of loans, were applied towards repayment of the overdraft with our bankers which a year ago stood at almost \$9 lakhs, but has now entirely disappeared. The balance sheet before you records a credit balance with our bankers for the first time in several years.

The Reserve Account.

We have considered it advisable to show the adjustments made in our Reserve Account by including in the published account a statement in detail in which there is only the item of underwriting commission \$28,607.73 to which special reference need be made. This sum might quite reasonably have been spread over a number of years, but your Board decided to extinguish the charge completely in the accounts for 1930. You will remember, gentlemen, this Reserve Account was created at the time when the Company's finances were reorganised, and it has naturally been a fluctuating account since; as far as can be ascertained there will not be any need to draw on the Reserve Account beyond a sum approximating \$70,000 in further liquidation of loans, thus leaving the eventual balance of the Reserve Account at the substantial figure of \$600,000. Gentlemen, as to our prospects for the present year, beyond stating that the first three months have been encouraging, it is impossible to forecast likely storage business, having in mind its close connexion with exchange, which seems to be the factor determining

GREAT MUSICAL
TREAT.NOTED SINGERS DELIGHT
AUDIENCE.

Toti dal Monte and De Muro Lomanto will long be remembered by those who were present at the Theatre Royal last night, for it is rarely that Hongkong has the opportunity of listening to two such fine artists. It is to be regretted that the audience was so disappointingly small, for such a reception is not likely to encourage famous musical personalities to visit Hongkong. Those who did attend were vociferously enthusiastic in their applause.

The opening number by de Muro Lomanto, *Ultima Canzone* (Toati) immediately demonstrated that this artist is the possessor of a voice of great beauty and compass. Toti dal Monte gave as her first item, the ever popular serenade of Gounod's with flute accompaniment, followed by "Capinera" (A Benedict) also with flute obligato. The famous coloratura soprano is indeed an artist of outstanding ability, her voice being beautifully clear, especially in the higher register. She gave a sensational interpretation of "The Mad Scene" from *Lacini di Lammormoor*, while the groups of three songs, in the first and second part of the programme were delightfully rendered.

de Muro Lomanto greatly impressed in the plaintive "Una furtiva Lacrima" (Donizetti) and again in one of his encores, the famous "La Donna E Mobile" from "Rigoletto". The duet from the same opera brought the concert to a close in most effective manner. The two voices blended beautifully, the dual passages being especially fine.

Last week's return of notifiable diseases shows four cases of diphtheria (one fatal), two fatal occurrences of small-pox, two non-fatal cases of typhoid (one imported) and one non-fatal case of puerperal fever. There were 82 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

the volume and freedom of imports.

Property Development.

Your Board is considering the development of some of our properties as Chinese dwellings which promises to give a return more commensurate with the admitted value of property at West Point. The business of loans on produce which, for lack of funds could not be considered before, will engage the attention of the Board this year, and it is expected to capture some of the business which now goes to competitive concerns granting this facility.

Gentlemen, the dividend which the Directors propose is small, but it is the first distribution made in five years, and we trust it will meet with your approval.

I now formally propose that the Report and Accounts for the year 1930 as presented to you, and the proposed distribution of profits, namely the payment of a dividend of 10 cents per share on the fully paid up shares and of 1 1/2 cents per share on partly paid up shares, be adopted and passed.

I would ask a shareholder to be good enough to second this proposal, after which I shall be glad to explain any matter having reference to the Report and Accounts on which you may desire information.

Shareholder's Enquiry.

Mr. H. J. M. Figueroa seconded the report, and Mr. W. Morley enquired as to whether the company's godowns could not be rented to bring in a better return. The Chairman pointed out that nobody could make a profit from them, but if business was bad and there was a demand for godowns, the Board would assuredly consider taking that course. In any case, the Board would consider Mr. Morley's suggestion, though he would point out that in his (the Chairman's) speech, he mentioned that plans had already been advanced for the conversion of some of godowns into Chinese dwellings, in order to obtain a better return.

The report and accounts were subsequently unanimously adopted. Mr. W. Morley proposed, and Mr. J. A. V. Soares seconded, the re-election of Mr. C. A. de Rosa and Mr. N. V. A. Croucher to the Directorate, and, on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. S. M. Churn, Messrs. Linatad and Davis, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed auditors.

Mr. C. A. de Rosa presided and was supported by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Messrs. A. L. Alvar, T. B. Wilson, S. M. Churn, P. M. Churn, P. M. Hodgson, N. V. A. Croucher and Mr. D. L. King (Secretary), and the following three shareholders: Messrs. W. Morley, H. J. M. Figueroa, and J. A. V. Soares.

TARIFF UNION CAUSES
WIRES TO HUM.

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ever, be out of the question considering its economic character.

The Austrian Government had no intention of facing the other Governments with a fait accompli.

German Answer.

The German Government replied that the Austro-German agreement was entirely within the framework of the Geneva Protocol of October 4th 1922. Therefore, in their opinion, there was no reason why the League Council should take up the matter. The two Governments had nothing to fear if the other Governments proceeded to an examination of the political aspect of the question, but the German Government could not admit an examination of the agreement by the League Council from a political standpoint, as the agreement was of a purely economic character.

The negotiations would naturally have to take their course and, having regard to the numerous technical details which had to be settled, could not be concluded before two or three months had lapsed.

Mr. Henderson said he regarded the Austrian answer as less open to question than the German answer, which might be held to imply the need for examination.

The political aspect of the question would have to be conducted without their co-operation in view of the expressed intention of continuing the negotiations with Austria in the meantime.

Thinking that the German Government had perhaps misapprehended his suggestion, he telegraphed to Berlin on March 26th saying that his suggestion had been simply to the effect that before the two Governments proceeded further, the opportunity should be given to the Council to assure itself that the proposed treaty was not contrary to the 1922 protocol. It was possible that the Council would be reluctant to pronounce on so technical and juridical a question without seeking an opinion from the Permanent Court of International Justice, and he would support such a procedure.

Perfectly Understood.

The German Government replied on the same day that they had perfectly understood his proposal, that the negotiations contemplated between the two Governments would take two or three months at least, that the German Government, for their part, saw no reason to refer the proposed treaty to the League Council since they were satisfied that it was not contrary to the protocol of 1922, that the Powers signatory to the Protocol are of course at liberty to refer the treaty to Council, but that the German Government must reserve complete liberty of action with regard to any procedure which may be suggested to the Council. The German Government did not understand his proposal to refer the treaty for examination to the Council from a political standpoint but wished to make it clear that in their view an examination from such a standpoint was not admissible.

Mr. Henderson's Intention.

Mr. Henderson continued: "It is my intention to give notice to the Secretary General of my wish to discuss at the next Council Meeting, the compatibility of the proposed agreement with Austria's treaty obligations, particularly under the Protocol of 1922, and if there is a general desire that the Council should be assisted by an advisory opinion from the Permanent Court of International Justice, I shall certainly support a reference to the Court."

The Austrian Government will, of course, in accordance with Standing Order, be invited to participate in these discussions.

I am glad to say that such an invitation would be accepted. The German Government's response to my explanations recognises the right of reference to the Council, while reserving their rights in respect to any procedure there proposed to be followed.

An Inference.

I am glad from this to infer that the other members of the Council will have the benefit of the German view of the question submitted—a question, I may add, so eminently and uncontestedly suitable for such a procedure, and I earnestly hope that it may be found, when the time comes, that the negotiations between the Austrian and German Governments will not have been so advanced as to prejudice the friendly atmosphere in which such matters

THEFT OF OFFICER'S
PROPERTY.CABIN THIEVES ABOARD
THE PROMINENT.

The case against Chau Ah-sam and Tso Chi-cheung, charged with stealing a gold watch and chain any some money, to the total value of \$385, the property of Mr. H. Hesthammer, Chief Officer of the s.s. *Prominent*, was continued before Mr. Hamilton, at Kowloon this morning. The men were also charged with having trespassed on board the vessel.

The watchman, who arrested the defendants, said that he saw three men run down to the wharf from the ship. One of them managed to get away.

First defendant said that he went on board to raise money from the Shanghai crew in order to enable him to get a passage back to Shanghai. Second defendant said that he went to the wharf to look for a friend. He denied having thrown anything into the water.

Mr. Hamilton convicted the defendants and sentenced them to six months' hard labour on the first count, and one month on the second, the sentences to run concurrently.

NO DEFAULT.

COMMONWEALTH LIABLE
FOR PAYMENTS.

Sydney, Mar. 30. Mr. Scullin has announced that there will be no Australian default on Wednesday, despite the decision of the New South Wales Premier, Mr. Lang, not to meet interest payments then due, as learned counsel had advised him that the Commonwealth is liable for the interest payments on state loans.—*Reuter*.

are normally dealt with by the Council.

Benefit of League.

In the confident expectation that my hopes will be realised, I ask you, in passing, to direct your attention to the inestimable benefit offered by the existence of the League to States Members, confronted as we all have been during the last few days, with a situation which might, in other circumstances, have continued to cause feeling and alarm."

Referring to the points of interest and importance arising out of those events, Mr. Henderson said a divergence of view had been revealed as to whether the Council, or some special subsidising organ was the proper form for a discussion. In the first instance of the legal aspects of the proposed agreement.

He had the best authority for saying that the Constitution and Rules of the League require that this should be the Council, under which the Protocol of 1922 was negotiated.

British Attitude.

The British Government's attitude must be one of reserve. He concluded by emphasising that the pursuit of the line the British Government had laid down, offered the best, and indeed the only, proper solution of an episode that had caused a regrettable perturbation in Europe.

Agreement with the course the Foreign Secretary had taken was expressed at the conclusion of his statement by Sir Austen Chamberlain.

Mr. Henderson has received a letter from the Federation of British Industries urging the Government to take energetic steps to prevent the union, on the ground that British interests will be considerably damaged.—*British Wireless and Reuter*.

Austrian Defence.

Vienna, Mar. 30. Defending the proposed Austro-German Customs Union, the Foreign Minister, Dr. Schober emphasised that it was the sequel to many futile efforts by Austria to bring about a lowering or the removal of the tariff walls of neighbouring States.

Austria was entering into similar negotiations with Hungary, Yugoslavia, while the German Government had taken up the matter with Rumania, with the idea of bringing them all into the Union.

Thus, he said, it was clear that the co-operation of Central Europe was the desired goal.

He concluded that the Austrian and German negotiators had merely done their duty to their own countries, and to Europe, and "no idea is further from us than a disturbance of the peace of Europe."—*Reuter*.



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EXTRA RACES.

THE HANDICAPS FOR EASTER MEETING.

The following are the entries and handicaps for the Easter Race Meeting.

Commonwealth Handicaps. "A" Class.—Fortune Bay (134), Elliot Bay (146), Glenegles (148), Apollo (161), Vasylock (140), Zorhan (140), Boxer (147), Gay Crusader (135), Nidd Eve (147), Hotman (101), King's Bounty (150), King's Service (135), Gold Key (133), Royal Flush (133), Duke of Autaul (142). "B" Class.—Little Beaver (140), Cyclamen Bay (161), San Francisco (154), Piccadilly (160), Fair Sport (143), Daylight Eve (150), New Year's Eve (139), Valorous (151), Young Pretender (149), Sanction (140), Lobster Bay (140), Imperial Hall (140), Eros Bay (147), Pickle (142), Nippy (146), Monterey Bay (142), O-Moon (154), King's Counsel (145), Majestic Hall (145), Paul Pry (161), The Gomeril (140), Chars (153), Winsome Stag (147), Wonderful Stag (145), Crown Prince (140).

Commonwealth Handicaps. "C" Class.—Britannia Hall (148), Brunswick Hall (161), The Pheasant (153), The Grouse (151), The Quail (143), The Snipe (149), Tingo (151), Cloudy Eye (136), Chivalrous (161), Yankee (133), Scappit (144), Frill (162), Blue Boy (148), City Hall (162), Cream (140), Iron Blood (140), Bridge Hall (159), Grey Dawn (150), Edenbridge (101), Piccy (148), Peter Gherney (133), Jan Stewer (152), Indestone (133), Silver Key (139), Mascot (133), Thanderson Stag (161), Armony (154), Christmas Bells (161), Mongolian Stag (152), Fifty Fifty (161), The Discarded (155), Vanouse (133), Pagoda (139), Mindoro (140), Misamis (161), Leveret (161), Happy Returns (140), Awaken Lion (137), Wings (149), Morning Star (133), Orlando (152), Monk (134), On Third (161), Duke of Brittany (153), Duke of Longchamps (161), Mount Elburz (134), Brown Eyes (133), Bronze Eyes (161), Northern Prince (161), Good Day (145), Sunny Day (142), Tigra (152), Happy Day (139), As You Like It (159), The Lombard (135), Tay (152), Country Club (142).

Commonwealth Handicaps. "D" Class.—Heretofore (157), Agate (161), Bay of Bellingham II (157), Celerity (145), Sultry Eve (143), Arctic Eve (133), Movanger (167), Summer Hall (133), Nookhall (161), Ploughman (161), Groombridge (162), Loch Sloy (159), Redskins (157), Jester (151), Happy Choice (155), Twilight (159), Silver Flare (133), Choctaw II (160), Vadlo (143), The Turbot (145), Flornotta (133), Sans Seed (139), Tom Thumb (143), Zephr (169).

Empire Handicaps. "A" Class.—Sitting Bull (154), Elliot Bay (145), Glenegles (145), Winsome Stag (147).

CANTON SPORT.

GOLF AND HOCKEY CONTESTS.

Canton, Mar. 30.
In the semi-finals of the mixed foursomes played on Saturday on the Tungshan Golf Club course, Mrs. Manning and Baker-Carr beat Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott on the 18th green, and Mrs. Seiffert and W. Manning beat Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Ryan at the 20th.

In the finals, played on Sunday, Mrs. Manning and Baker-Carr beat Mrs. Seiffert and W. Manning 5 and 3.

G. W. Greene won the monthly Bogey competition with a score of all square.

In a hockey match played on the Shameneen ground yesterday, Shameneen were badly defeated by an All-Navy eleven from Hongkong. In the early stages of the game, Shameneen established a lead of two goals to nil after which they fell away badly, the Navy side scoring three in quick succession and leading by one goal at the interval.

After the change-over, the Navy completely dominated the game and took the score to 6-2. Shameneen pulled themselves together and managed to reduce the lead to 6-4, the Navy scoring again just before time to make the final score 7 goals to 4.—Our Own Correspondent.

St. John Ambulance men will be at the Peak Tram Station (Upper and Lower Levels) on Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of vaccination. Peak residents are requested to inform their servants.

Vasylock (140), Boxing Eve (144), Gay Crusader (133), Peppercorn (146), Spey (138), Hotman (161), King's Bounty (150), King's Service (135), Gold Key (133), Royal Flush (133), Christmas Chimes (133), Roostan (155). "B" Class.—Empire Handicaps. "B" Class.—Cyclamen Bay (161), Majestic Hall (145), Paul Pry (161), The Gomeril (140), Piccadilly (160), Fair Sport (143), Daylight Eve (150), New Year's Eve (139), Valorous (151), Crown Prince (140), Chars (153), Lobster Bay (140), Eros (147), Imperial Hall (140), Pickle (142), Little Thunder (153), Nippy (146), Monterey Bay (142), O-Moon (154), King's Counsel (145), Peppercorn (134), Wonderful Stag (145).

INTERPORT SWIM.

SHANGHAI PLANS FOR WATER MEET.

After an interval of nine years, Shanghai's aquatic squad may participate in a triangular interport swimming contest against Kobe and Hongkong. Nothing definite has yet been arranged but it is the intention of the Shanghai Amateur Swimming Association to hold the big water carnival during the early part of September, says the Shanghai Evening News.

The official invitations have been sent to both Hongkong and Kobe. Nothing is known about Kobe's plans for sending a team to the meet but Hongkong intends to be represented and is at present considering the financial side of the trip.

The Colony has always been able to secure the services of first class tankmen and there is every reason to believe that Hongkong will be represented here in September. Kobe was one of the strongest aggregations of the three cities in the old days but the standard of her present day swimmers is unknown here.

Shanghai won the last triangular meet between the three cities, held here in the autumn of 1922. It was a close tussle, Hongkong being only a few points behind.

TENNIS TOURNAY.

HONDA KNOCKED OUT BY FINCHER.

Showing a vast improvement on his form of last year, F. C. Fincher reversed the previous decision of his meeting in the final of the Open Singles Championship by securing a decisive victory over T. Honda, the holder of the title, when the two met in the fifth round yesterday. Fincher will now play the winner of the A. L. Sullivan-M. W. Lo tie.

After a rather indifferent start Fincher became complete master of the situation and, by a greater variety of strokes, turned what at one time seemed inevitable defeat, into a brilliant victory. After taking the first set at 3-6, he won the next two at 6-1, 6-1, and fully deserved the honour. He was the more aggressive of the two and during a major part of the game had his opponent out-played, although the tennis was not always of a very high standard.

If Fincher can maintain his form he should again qualify for the final where he will probably meet one of the Rumjahn brothers. This should provide an interesting tie and one well worth seeing.

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L. Goldman beat G. Lai 6-2, 6-3.

Club Championship.
A. L. Sullivan beat H. Owen 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A."
A. B. Raworth (owe 4-0) beat W. M. Barton (rec 3/6), 5-7, 6-2, 7-5.

Open Doubles.
Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit v. Lee Woon-tee and Lee Wai-tee.

A. L. Sullivan and L. Goldman v. G. Segalen and F. I. Zimmern.

Handicap Doubles.
H. Kernerling and F. V. Jensen (Scr) v. T. A. H. Colman and G. W. A. Tufon (owe 4/0).

R. M. Wood and H. H. Lennox (rec. 1/5) v. J. J. Ferguson and Wilson (owe 4/0).

Robinson and Capt. de Linde (owe 4/0) v. A. C. I. Bowker and V. R. Gordon (Scr).

J. T. Prior and E. S. C. Brooks (rec. 15) v. S. E. and D. S. Green (owe 15).

PRINCE IN BRAZIL.

WENT ALL THE WAY "TO HOLE OUT IN ONE."

Sao Paulo, Mar. 30.
There was terrific applause in the Chamber of Commerce banquet when the Prince of Wales humorously remarked that he came all the way to Brazil "to hole out in one." His Royal Highness declared that he was not a politician and not a business man, so he could do something to help "as a liaison officer" between the British Chamber of Commerce in South America and the manufacturers in Britain. The Prince urged every British resident abroad to promote the purchase of British products. He was given a loud ovation at the close of a brilliant speech and subsequently shook hands with 500 ladies present and then danced until the small hours of the morning.—Reuter's American Service.

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THE SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE.

NO ENGLISH TROOPS IN COLONY.

PAID OFFICIALS.

An unprecedented situation was suggested likely at the annual celebrations of St. George's Day in Hongkong this year, when Mr. E. Cock, the newly elected President of the local Society of St. George, addressing members at the annual general meeting yesterday, mentioned that there was no English Regiment resident in the Colony at the present time.

Important alterations to rules were also agreed to at a special meeting which followed, by which the Society is now in the position to appoint a paid Secretary-Treasurer in the place of Mr. P. S. Cassidy and Mr. C. A. L. Plummer who signified the impossibility of again assuming the offices for another year.

Mr. T. E. Pearce (President), occupied the chair at the outset, and was supported by Mr. E. Cock (President-elect), Mr. W. A. Dowling, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (Past President), Sir William Hornell, Messrs. W. A. Corneil, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, C. Bulmer Johnson, V. C. Labrum, F. J. Shervell, T. H. King, F. C. Hall, G. A. L. Plummer (Hon. Treasurer) and Mr. P. S. Cassidy (Hon. Secretary).

Others present included Lt. Col. L. G. Bird and Mr. H. R. B. Hancock (Past President), the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Messrs. A. Hicks, N. L. Ralton, M. S. J. Walsh, R. T. Barrett, J. H. Hunt, G. B. Labrum, S. A. Penhenth, R. E. H. Oliver and J. P. Robinson.

In addressing the meeting, and proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. T. E. Pearce said:

President's Speech.

The Report and Statements of Accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will with your permission follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

The activities of the Society during the year under review are so fully set out in the report that there is little left for me to say. The applications for financial assistance, few in number, I am glad to say, were carefully scrutinised by the committee appointed for that purpose.

The ceremony at the Cenotaph on St. George's Day was well attended. This ceremony takes but a few minutes, and I would urge all members, who conveniently can, to turn up and support the President and committee on future occasions.

In addition to the lamented death of Mr. P. W. Blackwell, I have to regretfully report the death of another of our members, Mr. G. H. Arnold, which took place whilst proceeding on home leave last year.

I would take this opportunity of putting on record the Society's thanks to the Officer Commanding the 1st Somerset Light Infantry for the Concert put up by the Band and Bugles of that Regiment on the Cricket Ground on St. George's Day. Also our grateful thanks to the Artists for their assistance at the evening concert in the Lee Theatre, and to the ladies who assisted by distributing cigarettes at that evening.

Hard-working Committees.

Although on the night itself I covered to the various Sub-Committees, the Society's, as well as my own personal thanks for the able way in which the Annual Ball was organized and carried through, I must again make a reference.

It is only those behind the scenes who know and appreciate how much careful thought and hard work is required before a function of the magnitude we undertake can be successfully carried through. We can be satisfied that future occasions of this nature will be equally successful, when so many of our members are willing to come forward to do their bit.

I wish to make particular reference to the large amount of time put in by our honorary secretary and honorary treasurer on the Society's behalf during the year.

Unfortunately neither Mr. Cassidy, nor Mr. Plummer can find the time to undertake the duties for another year. I would on your behalf convey to both these gentlemen our appreciation and hearty thanks.

Your Committee have decided, for the sake of continuity, to arrange for and appoint a paid Treasurer and Secretary, and your confirmation of this step will be asked for at the Special General Meeting which follows this one.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis are prepared to undertake the duties, and to meet the cost it is proposed

to increase the subscription from \$2 to \$3 per annum, and to debit the Ball Account with a portion of the sum required. I am glad to say both Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Plummer will be pleased to carry on until these duties are made, should you approve of the suggested change.

Satisfactory Accounts.

The Accounts call for little comment. Members will observe with satisfaction the final figures of the 1930 Ball, there being a surplus on the right side of no less than \$328.40.

I am pleased to be able to report the 1931 Ball will also show a surplus of some \$300 to \$400, despite the fact we made no increase in the charge for tickets, and at the same time had to face increased costs, and also pay for a certain amount of new gear. This satisfactory state of affairs is due to the fact members supported the Ball in such large numbers.

Our thanks are due to Mr. C. Bernard Brown for auditing the Accounts.

I think there is nothing else to which I need refer, and therefore beg to propose that

"The Report and Accounts for 1930 be adopted and passed."

After this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions members may wish to ask.

Mr. M. S. J. Walsh seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Officers.

The following officers were then elected:—President.—Mr. E. Cock, Vice-President.—Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin; Hon. Secretary (pro tem.)—Mr. P. S. Cassidy; Hon. Treasurer (pro tem.)—Mr. C. A. L. Plummer; Committee.—Messrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, W. A. Corneil, V. M. Grayburn, F. C. Hall, Sir William Hornell, C. Bulmer Johnson, V. C. Labrum, F. J. Shervell, E. F. Aucott, J. Bentley, G. E. Mitchell and A. B. Raworth.

Upon Mr. E. Cock taking the chair, he proposed that for the annual celebration of St. George's Day, the Society endeavoured to have the same arrangements as in the past. A difficulty would arise in connexion with the Cricket Ground programme, as the two regiments in the Colony at the present time were not English. But the remainder of the arrangements appeared to have no difficulties, and he proposed that a special sub-committee be appointed to make suitable arrangements on lines similar to former years. This was seconded by Lt. Col. Bird, and passed.

Thanks to the out-going President for his valuable work on behalf of the Society, and to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., for the use of their Board Room, concluded the meeting.

Alterations to Rules.

A special general meeting followed, at which Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson proposed several alterations to the rules. In doing so he reminded them that Mr. Pearce had already referred to the proposed increase in subscription. It was proposed to delete rule 17, and add to rule 16, the words which would enable the Society to pay remuneration for services rendered. The deletion of the words "An Honorary" in the second and third lines of rule 4, was merely a technical alteration. The alteration to rule 8 was to enable the Society to raise the subscription to enable them to pay for the services mentioned.

Mr. F. J. Shervell seconded the proposals, which were carried without dissension. They were as follows:

1. By deleting the words "an Honorary" in the second and third lines of rule 4 and substituting therefor, in each case the word "a".
2. By adding the following paragraph at the end of Rule 16:—Provided that nothing in these Rules shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member of the Society or other person in return for any services actually rendered to the Society.
3. By substituting the word "three" for the word "two" in the 2nd. line of Rule 8, and adding after the word year in the 3rd. line thereof the words "or such other sum as the members of the Society shall from time to time determine at the Annual General Meeting." And adding at the end of such rule the words following "The Committee shall have power, in their discretion, to reinstate any such member without payment of any further entrance fee."
4. By striking out Rule 17 and renumbering Rule 18 as 17.
5. By renumbering Rule 19 as 18 and adding the words "provided that the member concerned has been given the opportunity of explaining such conduct to the Committee either in writing or orally."
6. By renumbering Rule 20 as 19.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Bank.
Hongkong Bank, \$2015 b.
Chartered Bank, \$18 1/2 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$25 1/2 n.
East Asia, \$118 b.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$1395 s.
Union Ins., \$620 b.
China Underwriters, \$3.60 b.
China Fires, \$535 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1300 n.
Shipping.
Douglas, \$25 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$25 1/2 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$30 n.
Union Waterboats, \$37 n.
Mining.
Benguets, \$10 b.
Kailans, \$3/9 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 5 1/2 s.
Raubs, \$38 b.
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$161 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$29 1/2 b.
South China Motors, \$10 n.
China Providents, \$5.20 b.
Hongkew, Tls. 282 b.
New Engineers, Tls. 5 1/2 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 108 b.
Cottons.
Ewo Cotton Tls. 1.65 n.
Shai Cotton Tls. 1.07 1/2 b.
Land, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotel, \$14.30 b.
H. K. Land \$34 1/2 b.
Shai Land Tls. 408 b.
Humphreys, \$16.50 s.
Realities, \$10.85 b.
Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$17.75 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 1/4 n.
Star Ferries, \$88 b.
China Lights, (old) \$24.80 s.
H. K. Electric, \$78 b.
Telephones, \$48 b.
China Buses, Tls. 18.20 n.
Singapore Tractors, 6/6 s.
Industrials.
China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabons, \$40 b.
Canton Ice, \$3.30 s.
Cements (Comb.), \$16.40 b.
Ropes, \$13.50 b.
Venz: Goldfields \$3.75 b.
Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$24 1/2 s.
Watson, \$12.60 n.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$4.25 s.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sinceres, \$13 1/4 n.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$20 n.
Constructions, \$5.40 b.
Rque Ind. G. Bonds, \$68 1/2 b.

SERIOUS CLASH IN MUKDEN.

CHINESE TAKE JAPANESE FOR BANDITS.

Tokyo, Mar. 30.
A message from Mukden states that trouble broke out between Chinese and Japanese last night owing to the Chinese police firing thirty shots on 80 Japanese soldiers engaged in practice in the railway zone. The Japanese charged and surrounded the Chinese police station and seized two machine guns and eleven revolvers. Through the intervention of the Japanese Consul an amicable settlement was reached this afternoon, the Chinese apologising and the Japanese returning the seized arms. The Chinese explanation was that the police mistook the Japanese for bandits.—Reuter.

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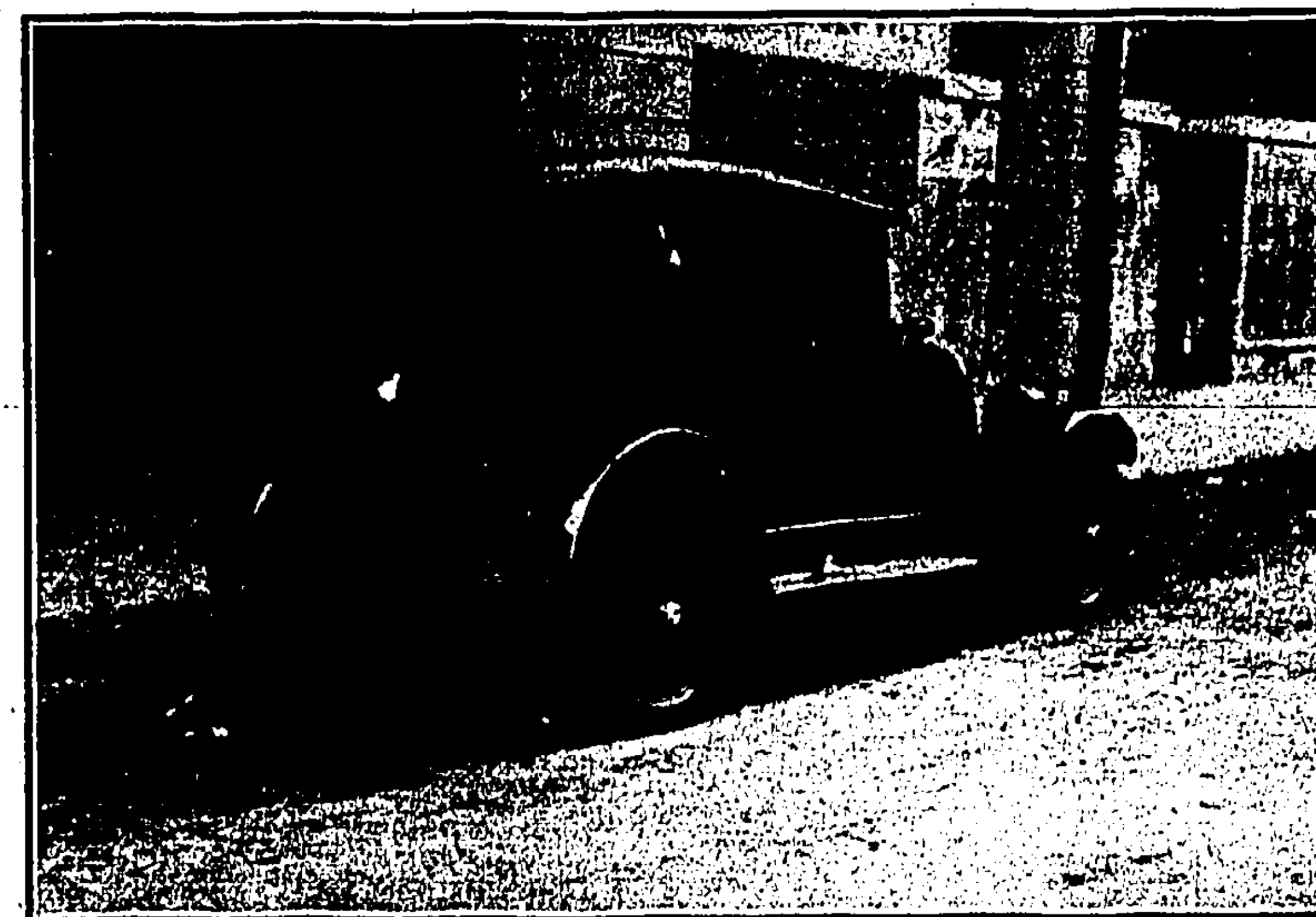
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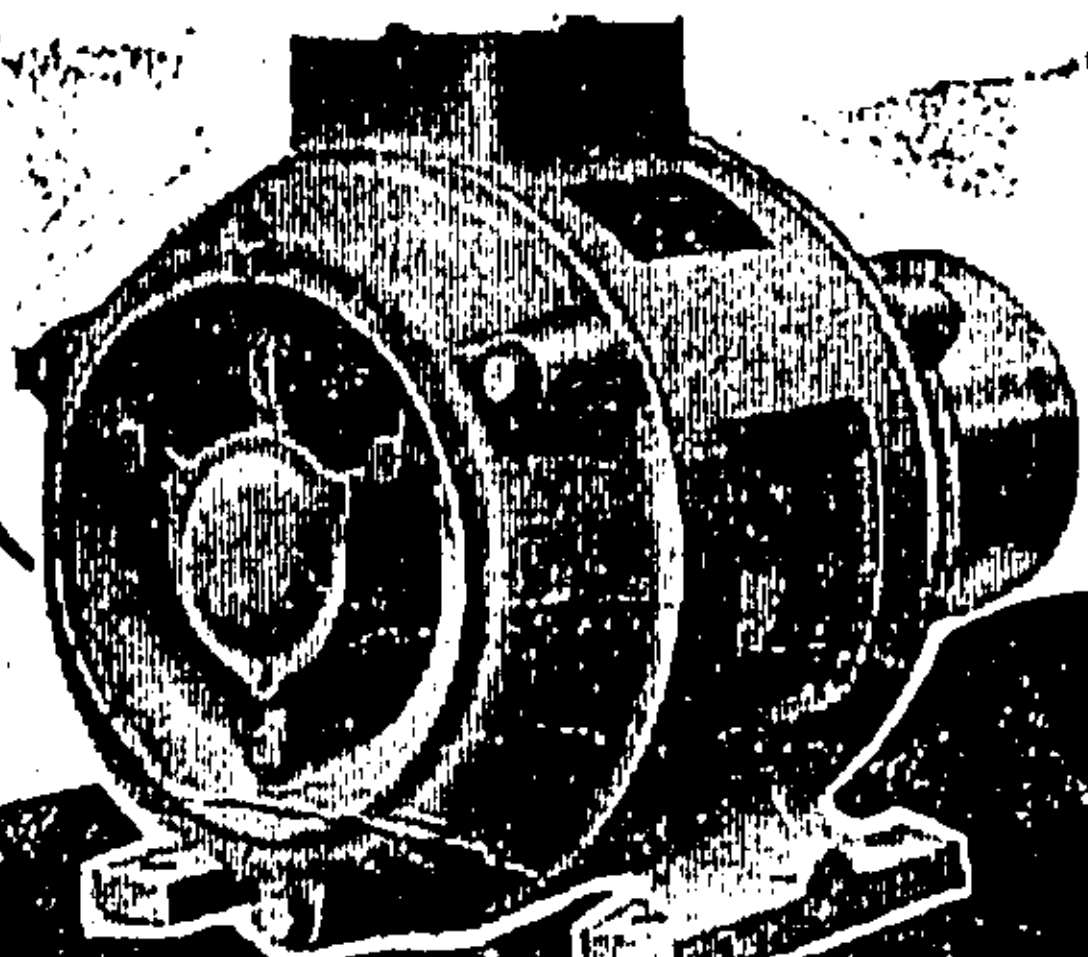
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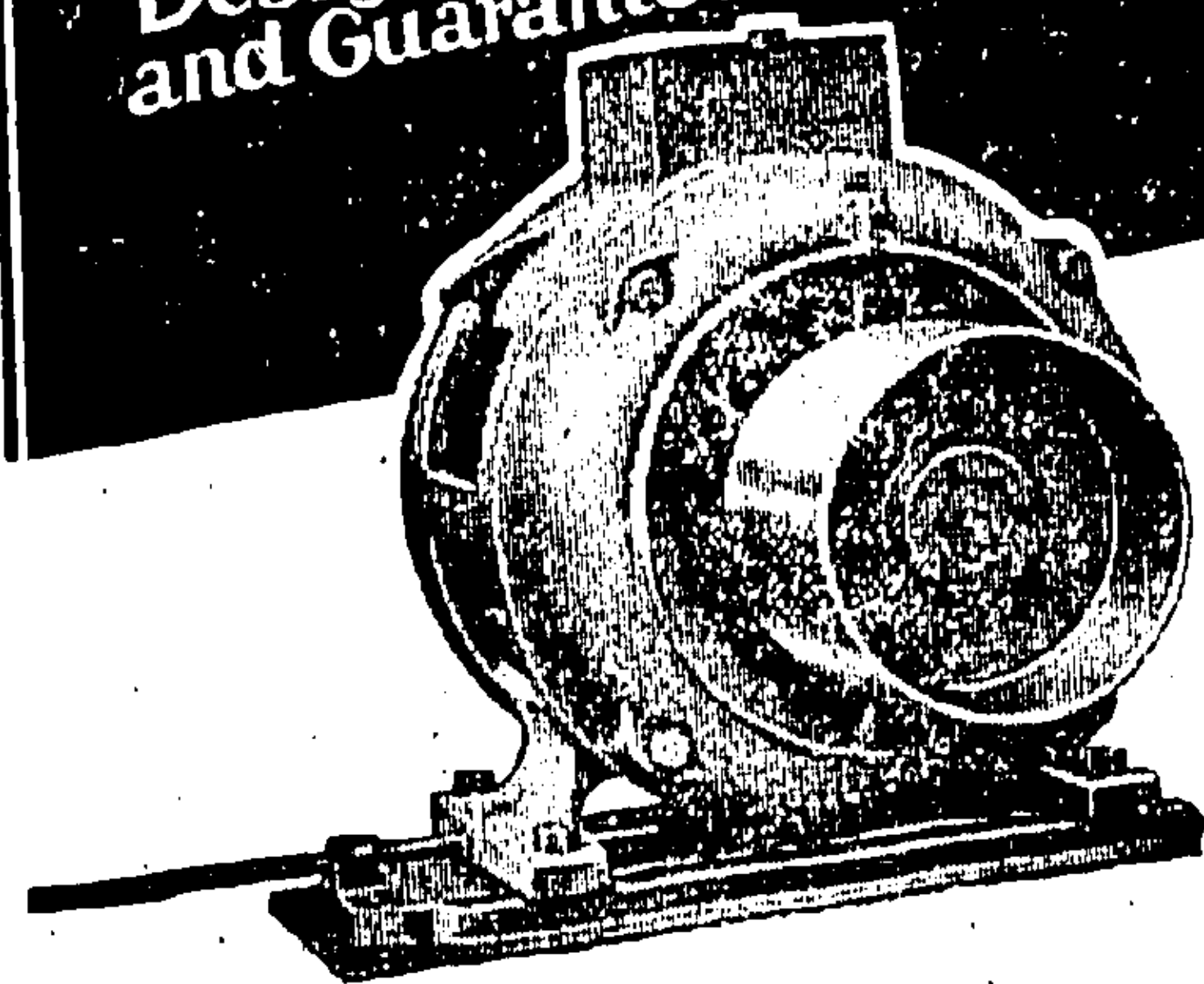
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EX-ZIEGFELD FOLLIES BEAUTY DIES.

Nice, Mar. 30.
"Tired of life," a woman deliberately drove a motor car 500 feet over a cliff at Eze-surmer and crashed in smithereens on the beach below.
Investigation showed that she was an ex-Ziegfeld Follies beauty and an ex-film star named Peggy Davis. She was well known on the Riviera. She was thrice married. Her first marriage was dissolved, the second annulled and the third was in 1925 to a wealthy Australian named Townsend. Of this latter marriage a baby was born in 1926.
Peggy Davis retired from the films as a result of a bite from a Zoo lion during a rehearsal.
A few moments before the tragedy she entered a cafe, drank two brandies, and scribbled a note which she left on the table, and in which she said: "I do not want to return to the stage. Take care of my mother and baby. I am tired of life."—*Reuter*.

TOTAL MOON ECLIPSE.

VISIBLE IN HONGKONG ON FRIDAY MORNING.

The total eclipse of the moon which takes place on Thursday (Greenwich time) will be visible in Hongkong, but only those retiring late, and the early risers will see it, as the actual eclipse will be between 3 and 5 a.m. on Friday.
The moon will enter the penumbral shadow of the earth at 1.27 a.m. and the umbral shadow at 2.23 a.m., leaving the umbra at 5.52 a.m. and the penumbra at 6.48 a.m. The total eclipse will begin at 3.22 a.m. and end at 4.53 a.m.
Even while totally eclipsed, the moon will remain visible to the eye as a copper coloured disc, owing to its illumination by light that has been refracted in the earth's atmosphere. The phenomenon at the beginning will be visible from the whole of the Eastern hemisphere and Australia, while the close will be visible in the same regions, excluding Australia and the eastern part of Asia, and including the eastern part of South America.

CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

MEMBER CRITICISES METHOD OF ELECTION.

A minor controversy has arisen in connexion with the annual election of officials for the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce which was reported in the S. C. M. Post last week. The dispute centres on the system which the Chamber adopts to elect representatives from different trade guilds and commercial associations. Mr. Mok Ying-kwai, a member of the Chamber, wrote to the vernacular papers complaining that some of the commercial guilds including the Sugar Merchants' Association and the Twenty-four Trade Guilds Association were not represented at the annual election of committee.

The writer further suggested that the Chinese Chamber should enlarge its membership extending the facility to the majority if not all the commercial associations and guilds.

In an interview with a representative of the S. C. M. Post, Mr. Chan Heung-pak, the Secretary of the Chinese Chamber, said that rumours that the Chamber was going to have another election were entirely unfounded. The method of electing 100 members to serve on the General Committee for 1931 was the same as the procedure used for many years past. Mr. Chan further pointed out that the commercial associations and trade guilds were as fully represented at the recent annual election as could reasonably have been expected.

Mr. Chan showed our representative a list of the Chinese associations and guilds, members of the Chamber, as well as of Chinese individuals connected with the different trades. He added that from time to time the Chamber wrote to the Chinese business firms and commercial associations requesting them to join as members.

"If these commercial associations fail to join or discontinue their connexion with us for financial or other reasons, it is not within the power of the Chamber to force them to join. When the annual election of officials took place last week each of the commercial associations sent two representatives, and if there is anything unsatisfactory in the representation in this direction the responsibility lies with

RECENT LANDSLIDE FATALITIES.

INQUIRY CONDUCTED AT KOWLOON.

At Kowloon yesterday afternoon, Mr. Hamilton, sitting with a jury, held an inquiry into the death of Wong Lee, who was killed in a land slide at the Kowloon bye-wash reservoir on March 10.

It will be remembered that on that occasion six other men were killed.

Dr. K. Uttley said that death was due to asphyxia.
Mr. Li Cheng, engineer in charge, said the accident occurred in a trench, which had been opened about a month ago. The sides of the trench had been reinforced with boards and poles to prevent a collapse. The right side was more strongly braced than the left, because it was feared that it would collapse on that side if at all. The collapse, in his opinion, would have occurred even if the left side had been as strongly reinforced. The accident was due to the damp weather on the days previous to the accident, which made the earth wet, and when on March 9 there was bright weather, the earth loosened and suddenly subsided into the trench.

Mr. C. W. E. Bishop, Engineer P. W. D., said that the position in the trench when he saw it was quite satisfactory. He attributed the collapse to a piece of cleavage behind the piece of earth, which they thought to be perfectly sound.

Mr. R. McNell Henderson, Assistant Director, P. W. D., agreed with the opinion as to the cause of the accident which had been expressed by the other two witnesses. He also said that the bracing had been quite satisfactory.

The Jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

The officials of the commercial associations and not with the officials of the Chamber," concluded Mr. Chan Heung-pak.
Mr. Chan regretted that he was unable to comment fully on the criticisms of Mr. Mok as he had seen only part of his letter so far. It is understood that the new General Committee of the Chamber will meet on Friday to elect a new Chairman and vice-Chairman and an Executive Committee.

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Only a few passengers embarked at Hongkong, the chief of whom were Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Christian, and Major and Mrs. Campbell.

Lt.-Col. W. F. Christian, D.S.O., R.A., joined the Gunners in 1900, being promoted to Captain in 1913, and to Major two years later. He served in China, at Tientsin, in the early days of the Great War, and later went to France for two periods. Since the war, Col. Christian has been employed with the Territorial Army, holding the temporary rank of Lt.-Col. for three years, and has been C. R. A. in the China Command whilst in Hongkong. He was mentioned in despatches on three occasions, and holds the Order of Leopold, 6th Class, and the Belgian War Cross.

It will probably be remembered that one of Colonel Christian's sons perished in an Arctic Expedition, his remains, and a stirring record of an epic struggle, being found some twelve months ago. Colonel and Mrs. Christian also suffered a bereavement whilst in Hongkong, their daughter succumbing to diphtheria whilst her parents were visiting North China.

Major R. H. Campbell, M.C., Royal Marines, who has held the appointment of D.A.A.G., China Command, has previously held a staff appointment, being G.S.O.3. between 1919 and 1921.

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COUNCIL OF STATE PASSES FINANCE BILL.

New Delhi, Mar. 30.

The Council of State has passed the Finance Bill—*Router*.
[A message dated the 27th inst. stated that the Legislative Assembly, by a vote of 60 to 56, had rejected the Finance Bill, which the Governor General in a message to the President recommended should be passed. The members objected to the increased income tax and super tax, and despite the finance members' offer to reduce the amount to be collected by a crore, the Assembly threw out the Bill.]

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MONEY AND VALUABLES STOLEN FROM CABIN.

Inspector Lane charged, before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Chau Ah-mam and Tao Chi-cheung, with the larceny of a gold watch and chain and some money, to the total value of \$385, from on board the s.s. Prominent, lying in the Kowloon Docks on Friday last. The stolen property belonged to Mr. H. Hesthammer, the Chief Officer. An additional charge of trespass was also preferred. Both defendants denied the charges.

Mr. Hesthammer said that on Friday last, about noon, he left his cabin and went to the mess, leaving the door of the cabin locked from the inside with a bolt.

It was possible to put a hand over the door and unlock the bolt. A few minutes later, his "boy" called out to him to come to his cabin as something might have been stolen. He rushed out and found the door of the cabin open, and then missed the articles and money, which he had placed in a drawer which had been forced open. Beside the watch and chain, he left \$95 in Hongkong paper money; \$10 in Singapore silver money; \$30 in Chinese money. He ran out and saw the defendants walking along the wharf. They were the only men on the wharf. He called out to the watchman to stop them. The defendants did not try to escape. They were taken on board the ship and searched, but nothing was found on them. Later, he saw three keys, which had been found in the water. They were of the type which would open any cabin door.

Kwok Chui, assistant cook on board the vessel, said that about noon he saw the two defendants come out from the cabin. Later he saw them go ashore. He saw one of them throw something into the water, and informed the complainant.

Mr. Hamilton adjourned the case until this morning.

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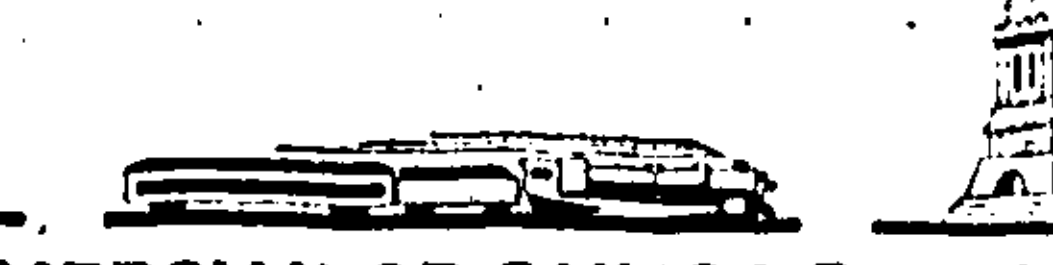
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YESTERDAY'S BIG WEDDING.

SPEECHES AT THE RECEPTION.

That the bride should have captured an Oxford man who must have imbibed, while an impressionable student, the wisdom of Robert Burton, who claimed that the perils of matrimony were so many and various that it were better for a wise man to reply with the philosopher "tis yet unreasonable and ever will be," was the testimony to her attractions and charms, made by Sir William Hornell in the course of a charming speech at the reception at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday, following the marriage of Miss Mary Ho and Mr. Sai Wa Liang, at which he proposed the health of the happy couple.

The Roof Garden presented a pretty and animated scene, something like 1,000 guests being present to drink with sincerest wishes, the health and prosperity of the bride and groom. They stood, with their charming retinue of bridesmaids, flower girls and pages, underneath a symbolic bell, cleverly worked in arum lilies.

Sir William's Speech.

Sir William Hornell proposed the health of the bride and groom, in the course of which he said:

I have been asked to propose the health of the bride and groom. It has always struck me as queer that spinsters and bachelors are in such demand in connexion with marriage ceremonies. The father gives the bride away; the bachelors do the rest. When one is elected to a club, one is welcomed by the members of the Club. But when one gets married, instead of a veteran in the noble army of martyrs, I mean married—welcoming the recruits, it is generally left to an outsider, a man (in social and domestic matters) the victim is always a man) who knows nothing of women, except as a distant though not always a disinterested spectator. Well, spectators are said to see most of the game. Perhaps I am regarded as an elderly staff officer, who like all staff officers keeps out of the rough and tumble.

I have known the bride by sight for many years. But being of an exceedingly timid nature where the other sex are concerned, for many years I did not dare to approach her. Her family have been connected with the University since its start. Her grandfather, Ho Fook, was one of the original benefactors; her father is a member of the Court, and one of her brothers has only just left the University. When her father asked me to perform the task with which I am now struggling, I ventured to approach Mary. Well, I will spare her blushes, but I will tell the bridegroom that in my opinion he is a very lucky man.

Likable Oxoniens.

The bride I also congratulate, not only because the bridegroom is universally acclaimed to be a charming young fellow, but also because he is an Oxford man. Now Oxford men are generally, I think, rather likeable persons who, even though some of them

are still afflicted by the Oxford manner, have almost entirely abandoned the use of Oxford trousers. But I am not thinking of the general likeness of Oxford men. Oh no! what I am thinking of at the moment is that Oxford men are by tradition and nature celibates.

In the 15th and 16th centuries there was a student of Christ Church—in those happy days a man could spend all his life as a student and be paid for doing it—called Robert Burton who wrote a famous book called "The Anatomy of Melancholy." Now the intention of this book was to explain the causes of extravagant mental distress and irrational behaviour, and to suggest remedies for them. One section of the book, and it is one to which readers most readily turn deals with love-melancholy. Now Burton admitted that the best cure for love-melancholy was matrimony, but he regarded the perils of matrimony as so many and various, that "it were better," he concluded, "for a wise man when the question of marriage presented itself to him, to reply with the philosopher 'tis yet unreasonable and ever will be.' In fact, Burton was so sure that bachelors have so much the best of life, that he maintained that they ought in gratitude to build and endow colleges for old maids to live together in. That Mary Ho Kwong should have captured an Oxford man who must have imbibed while an impressionable student, the wisdom of Robert Burton, is a tremendous testimony to her attractions and charms.

Bridegroom's Career.

The bridegroom's father as you all know was the late Sir Cheng Tung Liang Chen, K.C.M.G., who was at one time Chinese Minister at Washington and at another time Chinese Minister at Berlin. And a good deal of the bridegroom's boyhood was spent with his father at these two vital centres of modern life. At St. Stephen's College, Hongkong, Mr. S. W. Liang was a Prefect, also Captain of the school's football and athletics. Passing to University College, Oxford, he was fortunate enough to find there as the Master of the College, my old friend and colleague, Sir Michael Sadler. I know what Sir Michael Sadler thinks of him, but as I have spared the bride's blushes, I must also spare his. He represented his College at tennis, football and athletics. He did not take a first class; possibly, and perhaps wisely, he decided that life at Oxford was too rare a gift to be spent wholly in poring over books.

A Picture.

I do not know whether Mr. Liang proposes to devote his life to the unremunerative field of education. If he does, that will be the gain of the children of Hongkong that are an are to come. But it may be that he will follow in the footsteps of his diplomatic father and in that case, I shall hope some day to see Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Liang reveling in the Chancelleries of Europe or America that charm and courtesy which have endeared them to so many here. With this picture I will close.

On behalf of all who are here this afternoon and of all your

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R. OHL, Agent.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1931.

friends, well-wishers and admirers everywhere, I wish you every happiness. Someone, Robert Louis Stevenson I believe, said that the romance of mutual attraction does not end at the altar; that on the contrary it begins there. I believe this to be supremely true and I hope that your mutual experience will prove me right.

Mr. Liang briefly responded, and later the pair left for the honeymoon which is being spent in Peking, the bride's going away ensemble being a red lace and crepe de chine dress, and coat, with shoes to match.

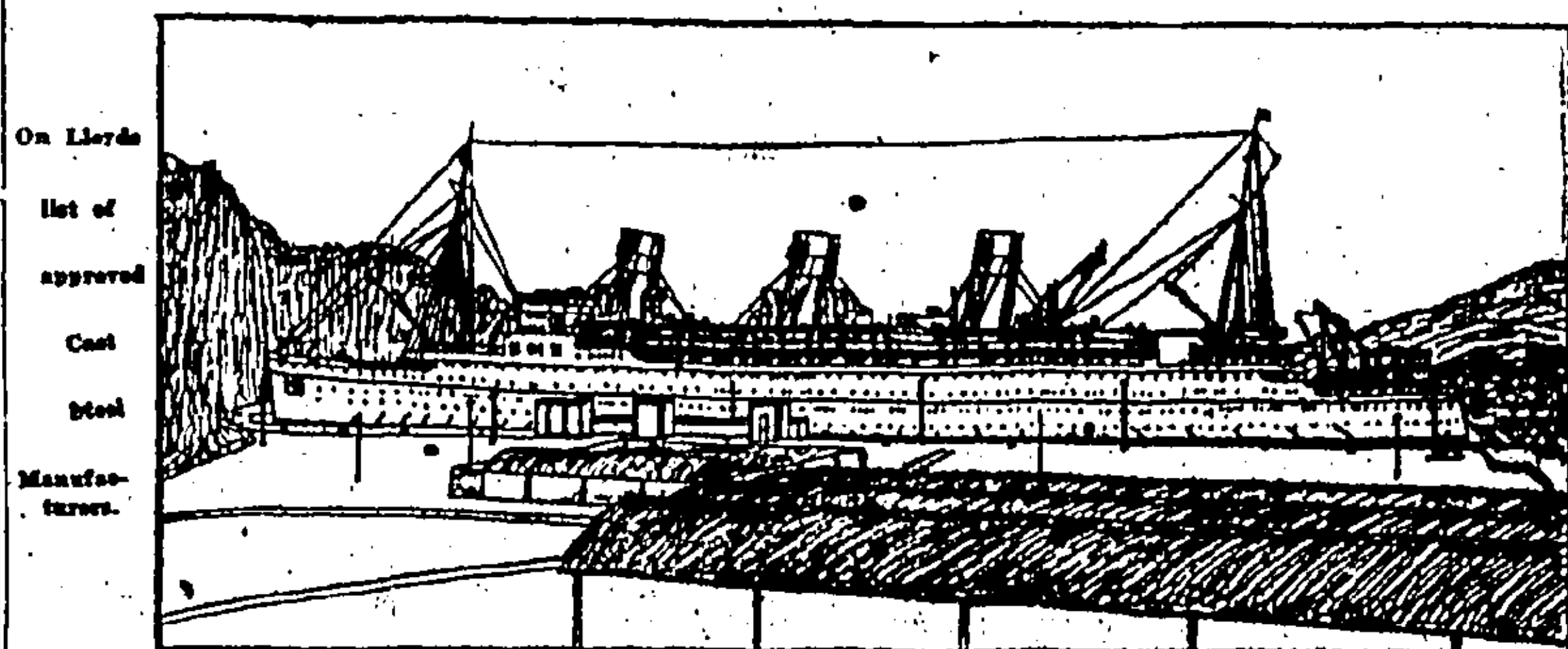
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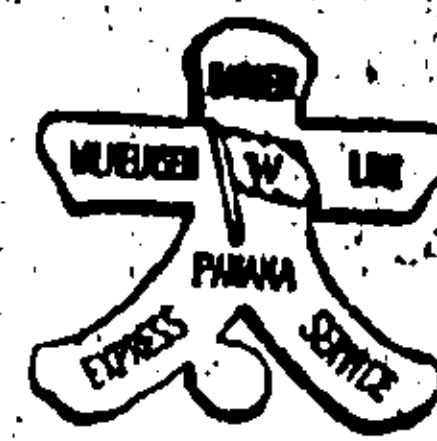


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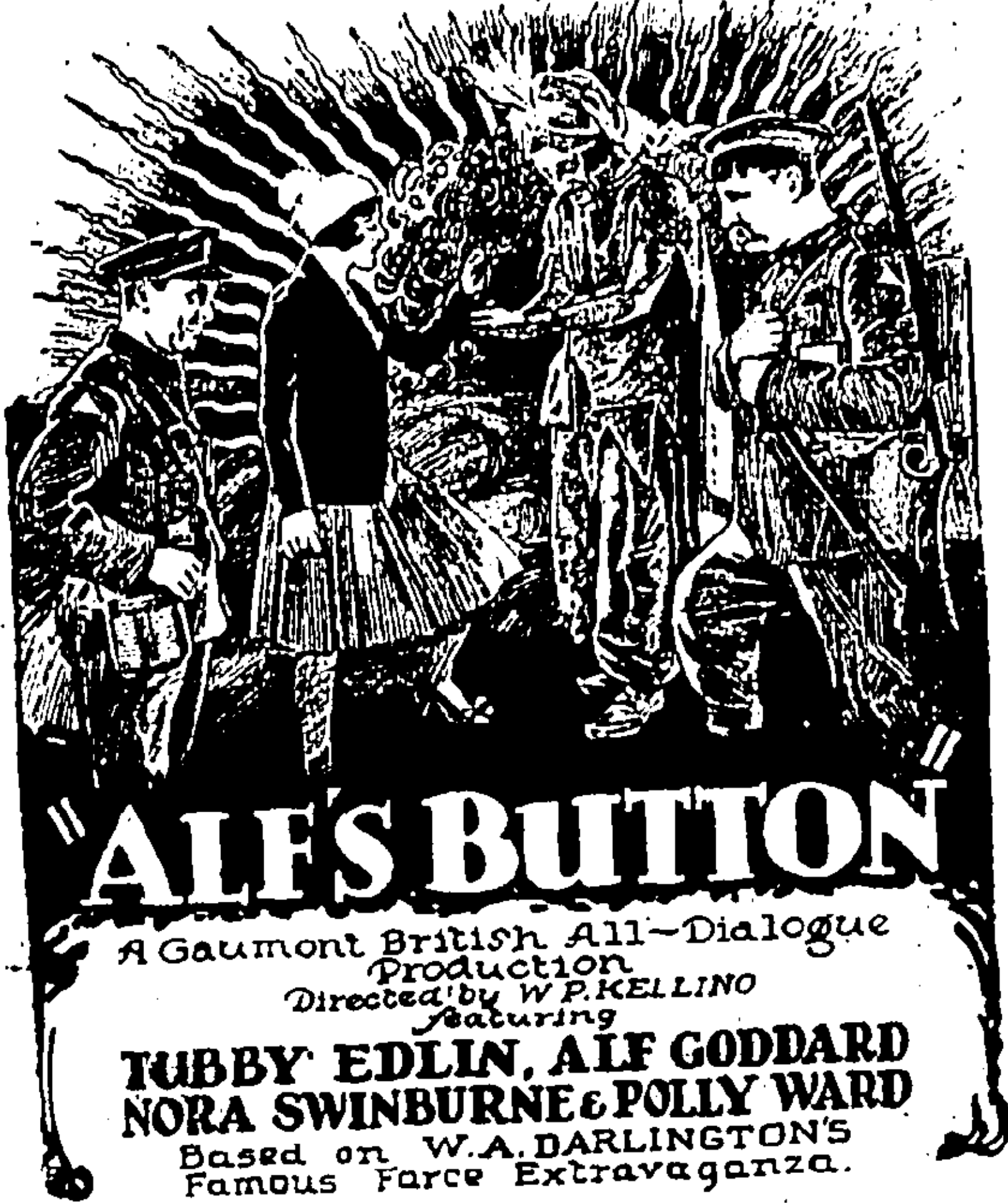
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GOVERNMENT AND SUEZ CANAL.

"IMPERTINENT" REPLY BY COMPANY.

B.O.T. CONSIDERING.

London, Mar. 30. The matter of the excessive dues charged by the Suez Canal Company was raised in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. A. M. Samuel (Con. Farnham) who suggested that the Government make a request to the appropriate economic committee to consider whether the scale of dues was restricting British exports to the Far East.

Mr. W. R. Smith, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, replied that the whole question was under consideration, but useful service would not be served by such an enquiry.

Mr. Samuel then drew attention to the "impertinent" statement recently issued by the Company, recommending that British ship-owners with complaints should apply to the British Government for relief out of the dividends paid to the British Government.

He asked the Government to convey to the British representative on the Board of Directors of the Suez Canal Company that British shipowners were not going to tolerate such language.

Mr. Smith gave an assurance that the Board of Trade fully realized the importance of the matter and was dealing with it.

KWANGSI ISSUE RAISED.

TWO DELEGATES ON VISIT TO NANKING.

Shanghai, Mar. 30. Considered to have a significant bearing on the political situation in South China is the visit to Nanking of General Wu Ting-yang and Mr. Chan Shih, both being members of the Executive Council of the newly-formed Kwangsi Provincial Government, with General Wang Shao-hung as Chief Commissioner.

Mr. Chan Shih arrived at Nanking this morning and will interview President Chiang Kai-shek to-morrow. He has made a statement to Chinese newspaper correspondents that General Pei Chung-hai is the most truculent of the Kwangsi generals now holding out against the suggested armistice with Nanking.

General Wu Ting-yang is visiting Hangchow, the famous resort near Shanghai. General Wu is quoted as saying that for the disbandment of superfluous armies and carrying out of the military rehabilitation in Kwangsi a sum of \$1,800,000 will be required. He denies rumours that Nanking has given \$500,000 to General Wang Shao-hung to carry out this project.

THREAT TO SUGAR COMBINE.

ALLEGED BREACHES OF THE ANTI-TRUST LAW.

New York, Mar. 30. A suit for the dissolution of the Sugar Institute and for a permanent injunction against the American Sugar Refining Company and forty-nine other defendants charged with violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, has been filed in the Federal Court on behalf of the United States Attorney-General.—Reuter's American Service.

A Raw Deal.

Later. Members of the Sugar Institute produce eighty-five per cent. of the sugar consumed in the United States.

The Government's complaint against organisation alleges that sugar sold by the members has been manufactured from the raw product obtained in Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines at abnormally low prices, which has not been reflected in the cost to the consumer.—Reuter's American Service.

CHINESE AERIAL SERVICE.

SHANGHAI LINK WITH ICHANG.

Shanghai, Mar. 30. The first trip in connexion with the inauguration of a passenger aerial service linking Shanghai with Ichang in Kupeh on the Upper Yangtze will be started to-morrow morning when a plane will leave for Ichang, making one stop at Hankow.

The new service is being organized by the Chinese Civil Aviation Company which intends to provide twelve regular trips in a month.

FATHER WHO SOLD DAUGHTER.

ADMISSIONS IN MUI-TSAI PROSECUTION.

WARNED BY COURT.

The case against Fung Sam-mul, an unmarried woman, charged with keeping an unregistered mul-tsal, was pressed by the S.C.A. representative, Mr. G. A. A. MacFadyen, at the Central Police Court to-day. Mr. MacFadyen said he wanted to press for a more heavy penalty than usual, by reason of the fact that the child was bought as recently as February last. The man who sold the child was her own father.

On Sunday, continued Mr. MacFadyen, a district watchman saw a crowd gathered in the street, and, on enquiring into the matter, was told by the girl, who was in the centre of the group, that she had been ill-treated by her mistress. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, for an examination of any possible injury. It appears, however, that the medical report was not enough for a charge of ill-treatment to be brought, although there were certain marks which were probably due to the girl being beaten five or six days before.

The father of the child, when questioned, told him (Mr. MacFadyen) that he sold the girl because of extreme poverty, and that when he heard that the child was being ill-treated, he came down here from the country to get her back. He had sold her to the accused for \$65, Chinese currency, which was much less than local money. In endeavouring to get the child back, he offered \$14, Hongkong money, to the accused, who refused, saying that she wanted a further \$30.

He (Mr. MacFadyen) had not charged the father with aiding and abetting, as he could have done, this being in consideration of the circumstances—the fact that he was an ignorant countryman and the desirability of having him as a witness for the prosecution. He (Mr. MacFadyen) doubted if he could give the child back to him, as he was still poor and might sell her again.

Accused, in reply to the Court, declared that the child was "presented" to her. She admitted, however, that she paid \$63 as "vinegar and ginger money" to the child's father.

In finding the woman \$150, or six weeks' in default, the Magistrate (Mr. Williams) observed that the child's father did not deserve to have his child back at all—he could consider himself lucky that he was not charged with aiding and abetting.

SHOOTING TRAGEDY IN JOHORE.

SULTAN'S NEPHEW AND WIFE FOUND DEAD.

Singapore, Mar. 25. Johore Bharu was the scene of a shooting tragedy on Monday afternoon, involving the death of a member of the Royal family and his wife.

It appears that shortly after 1.30 p.m. the bodies of Ungku Mohamed bin Ahmad and his wife were found in the house where they lived with Ungku Mohamed's mother, the Tungku Besar (second sister of I.H.H. the Sultan of Johore). They had been shot and a revolver and a service rifle, both of which had been fired were found close by. It is presumed the Ungku Mohamed shot his wife and then himself.

Ungku Mohamed was 33 years of age and his wife was a year younger. He was engaged in the office of the Dato Menteri Besar and was a second Lieutenant in the Johore Volunteer Forces. His father was Ungku Chik Ahmad. It is thought that jealousy was the cause of the tragedy.

RUSSO-CHINESE OUTLOOK.

SOVIET ACTIVITY ON THE FRONTIER.

Mukden, Mar. 30. The Intelligence Department of the Manchurian Army has been informed of military activities at Chita and one or two of the more important strategic positions on the Chinese-Russian frontier where the Russian Garrison forces have been increased coincident with the return to Moscow of the chief Chinese delegate attending the Moscow Conference, General Moh Teh-hui.

Official opinion in Government circles is that this is part of a Russian demonstration to bring pressure on China at the Moscow conference. The number of Russian military planes has also been increased.

FATHER TIERNEY'S FATE UNKNOWN.

OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF DEATH LACKING.

NANKING ENQUIRIES.

London, Mar. 30. No official confirmation is yet available regarding the reported death of Father Tierney, of the St. Columba's Mission, Kelnchang. Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, replying to questions in the House of Commons to-day, stated that His Majesty's Minister in China had been unable to confirm or deny the rumour of Father Tierney's death.

Mr. Henderson added that Sir Miles Lampson has been in frequent communication with Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, on the subject of Father Tierney's detention, and Dr. Wang undertook on March 25 to again telegraph the local authorities.

The latter had at that time already been instructed to spare nothing to secure Father Tierney's release, being prepared to pay the ransom if necessary. A special messenger had been sent to the locality by the Chinese Government to obtain information and he was expected back in Nanking on April 13.

Mr. Henderson, replying to another question, said he had no information, apart from the Press reports, regarding the reported murder of two American women missionaries in South China.—Reuter.

AMBITIOUS NANKING UNDERTAKING.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the whole of the world in search of a land transfer system which could be best applied to the needs of China.

Another interesting point revealed, was in the proposal of the Chinese Government to conduct a geological survey of the whole of the country at the same time of the geological survey, this being in order to estimate the mineral wealth of the country.

"It seems that they are tackling the problem well," was the opinion offered.

Hongkong Example.

An interesting reason for the Chinese Government's action in asking the advice of the local authorities, was also advanced. "The Chinese Government," we were informed, "was very impressed with the geological survey of the New Territories carried out by the Hongkong Land Office some time ago. They did, in fact, regard it as a model survey, and stated that they considered it a fine piece of work."

OIL IMPORTS INTO AMERICA.

MAJORITY OF COMPANIES AGREE TO REDUCE.

Washington, Mar. 30. All leading importers of foreign petroleum have now conformed to the informal request of the Government to assist in a limitation of oil imports.

The latest to join in is the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, which notified the Treasury to-day that it will join the scheme within ninety days.

The decisions of the companies with regard to curtailment apply only to a ninety-day period and the amount of the reduction proposed varies considerably.—Reuter's American Service.

MOTHERWELL'S BIG WIN.

ONLY TWO SHORT OF THE CENTURY MARK.

London, Mar. 30. Motherwell defeated Falkirk by six goals to one at Fir Park to-day, the leading positions in the Scottish League as a result being as follows:

Motherwell	34	23	6	5	98	52
Rangers	32	23	5	5	80	25
Colt	32	20	8	4	89	31
Partick	33	21	3	9	67	40

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over North Japan. A depression is situated between Nagasaki and Oshima.

The annual dinner of the Law and Commerce Society of the Hongkong University is to be held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, on Saturday, 11th April, at 8.30 p.m.

AMUSEMENTS OF HONGKONG.

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